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MANCHURIA'S SURRENDER DEMANDED

Wong Definitely To Give Up Premiership

Nanking, November 2. Premier Wong Wen-hao, making what possibly may be his last official appearance before the Legislative Yuan, declared this afternoon that he has definitely decided to resign and is getting ready to hand over his official duties to his successor. Speaking calmly and without emotion, the Premier said that he was resigning in favour of needed political change after admitting the failure of his economic policies, which he attributed to the Communist currency warfare—and mounting military expenditures. He disclosed that consultations were being held among top level government officials regarding his successor. It is expected here that Mr. Wang's Cabinet Ministers beside the Finance Minister, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, might also follow suit and resign en bloc. Reviewing his economic policies in a manner suggesting the finality of his decision to resign, Mr. Wong said that his efforts to achieve economic recovery for the country had failed because of the mounting military expenditures which in Manchuria in August alone amounted to 100,000,000 gold yuan—roughly one third of the total outlay in the Government's semi-annual budget.—Reuter.

Chiang Ching-Kuo Apologises For Mission's Failure

Shanghai, November 1. Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, in a written statement, today apologised to the people of Shanghai for having deepened their sufferings during the past 70 days of his economic control policy.

The man, who more than any other single person was responsible for turning this well-stocked metropolis into what still looks like a starving city, said he was sorry he failed in his task.

Young Chiang's two-month war against inflation ended in defeat yesterday, when the Government pulled price control props from under him. Prices for essential commodities this evening were quoted wildly, anywhere from 500 to 800 percent above the frozen levels at which they have been unobtainable for the past two months.

These increases reflect an eight fold increase in the issuance of China's new gold yuan currency. (The Currency Supervisory Commission announced that 651,600,000 is now in circulation, compared to 200,000,000 authorised at the birth of the gold yuan).

Asks For Punishment

In a statement this morning, young Chiang asked the Government for punishment "so as to clarify my responsibility"—a token gesture which no one took seriously. In a separate statement General Chiang reiterated his determination to continue his fight against foreign currency blackmarkets, rates for which are still unfrozen at the outdated four yuan to one US dollar level.

(Anywhere from 15 to 20 yuan for a dollar are obtainable on the black market at the risk of jail or death. The Government has not repealed these sentences for blackmarket operations so far.) Meanwhile, still languishing in jail, pending trial are more than 100 local foreign and Chinese businessmen arrested on charges of blackmarkting. Some of these victims of young Chiang's all-out war against inflation were reputable local residents connected with some of the best firms in Shanghai.

Many of them have been confined in jail cells for more than two months still without trial. And so long as Government current decrees remain unenforced, anyone with foreign exchange who balks at a return of four yuan to one US dollar when the actual rate is four times that, is open to the same fate.—Associated Press.

Mr. Lapham leaves today by plane for China, having recently returned from the Western Pacific to confer with President Harry Truman on the progress of the Economic Aid Programme. He urged that the next US Congress re-examine the China policy, in the belief that the present "middle of the road" programme is not meeting with much success.—Associated Press.

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Communists Boast All Of China To Be Taken

ESCAPE ROUTE MENACED

Nanking, November 2. Chinese Communists called today for quick and complete surrender of Chiang Kai-shek's beaten armies in Manchuria and openly boasted they would conquer all of China. Authoritative reports said fighting had ceased within the entire Mukden area. There were no major disorders, these sources said. As triumphant Red forces took over their richest prize of the civil war. The evacuation of the Huludao-Chingsi beachhead and Yingkow—two last remaining Government pockets in Manchuria—is now in full swing in a hurried Government move to salvage the remnants of the Manchurian Nationalists, a reliable source said here today.

No further information came on casualties or damage from the bombing of Mukden yesterday by Government planes an hour after the Communists completed their occupation. Several bombs exploded within two blocks of the US Consulate.

The impact of Mukden's fall and the disaster to Chiang's armies jarred China. The military setback added heavily to economic instability.

Red Proclamation

Mukden's conquerors urged residents, including foreigners, to continue normal activities. The proclamation was signed, "The Committee of North East People for Negotiation of Temporary Peace." It was interpreted here as governing only the Manchurian area.

Where exactly would the Communist strike next? China could only worry and wonder. Reports from Peiping say capture of Mukden from the Communists for a massive assault against North China. Shanghai, Great Wall gateway to this area, is expected to be the next target.

Some Chinese express belief however, that the Reds will bypass North China for time being and attempt to capture Nanking, the Government capital. Peiping heard rumours of large scale surrenders of Government soldiers near Huludao. The Communist radio claimed more than 70 Nationalist generals had been taken prisoner at Mukden. It declared last week that five Government armies had been defeated.

Losses Not Given

The Government gave no hint as to Nationalist losses in Manchuria or the chances of getting Army remnants back into China proper. The Communist said they cut off the escape corridor to the port of Yingkow, 115 miles south of Mukden.

A National Defence Ministry spokesman released last night said General Wei Li-huang, Chief and Deputy Commanders of the Government forces in Manchuria, arrived safely in Huludao, ending speculation about the fate of the two generals. A reliable source said today the evacuation of the Huludao-Chingsi beachhead and Yingkow was step-

Evacuation To Be Delayed

Tientsin, November 2. British nationals in Tientsin decided by a large majority this afternoon to delay evacuation until the situation in Communist-occupied Mukden is clarified.

Evacuation, Reuters gathered in a survey of community opinion, will only be undertaken if it is established that Tientsin, like Mukden, will be the target of aerial attacks by the Communist threat develops.

The general trend among Britons, Americans and French is to delay their final decision as long as possible, pending a clearer appreciation of the prospects ahead. The British residents at a general meeting this afternoon heard their Consul-General, Mr. Franklin, point out that it is necessary for individuals to make their own decisions.

Set up in face of the Communist drive northwards to wipe out the two pockets.

One Communist force heading towards Yingkow, from the north was said to have reached Tashihiao, 20 miles to the North-east. At present there are two Government divisions in Yingkow. They came down from Mukden three weeks ago in a drive designed to open a sea outlet for the Nationalists in the Mukden area.

There were originally about three Government divisions in the Huludao-Chingsi beachhead. One division, which was a newly trained unit brought up from Taiwan at the height of the Chingchow battle, has already been pulled out.

China Dunkirk

In view of the rapidity of the Communist troop movement and the Government's limited shipping facilities, it is feared that most of the remaining Nationalists in the two pockets may not be able to get out safely.

Meanwhile the North China commander, General Fu Tso-yi's diversionary drive on Shingchiang was reported to have forced the Communists to divert.

Their forces came from the Shanhai-Suiyuan area to Western Hopei. Two Communist columns under General Nieh Yung-chin pulled back into Yihshien and Mancheng in Western Hopei. It is not known for sure whether the diversion of these two columns would relieve the Communist pressure on Tientsin—a result the Government originally hoped to achieve.

Reports from Tientsin today said fighting still raged in the city's outskirts with unabated fury, but no substantial Communist success in the last 24 hours was reported.—Associated Press and United Press.

PIRATE SUSPECTS TO BE TRIED

Canton, November 2. Three of the men who are alleged to have pirated the Dutch liner Van Heutz off the Kwangtung coast in December last year are to be tried here next week. The three men were arrested by the local police recently. At the time of their arrest they were doing business as salt merchants.

Russians Calling For Mighty Soviet Fleet

Moscow, November 1. The Central Committee of the Soviet Union Communist Party today called for a mighty fleet of the Soviet State and exhorted soldiers to strengthen the might of the Soviet armed forces.

It was one of a series of 52 slogans broadcast by Moscow Radio for the 32nd anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, November 7.

Other slogans called for an increased effort in all branches of Soviet industry and agriculture, higher production of coal and oil, and at the same time, demanded the strictest economy and lower production costs.

One slogan called on "workers of all lands to expose the aggressive plans of the instigators of a new war and consolidate the forces of democracy in the struggle for lasting peace and the security of the peoples."

First Votes For Dewey

Harris, New Hampshire, November 2. This is the first community in the nation to report its Presidential election which gave President Truman one and Governor Dewey 11. In 1948 the vote was Franklin D. Roosevelt six and Dewey four.—United Press.

Mao Tse-tung On Aims Of Communists

Bucharest, November 2. Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, told the Communist nations of Eastern Europe yesterday that his armies eventually will control all China.

Writing in yesterday's issue of the Communist International Information (Cominform) Bulletin, the Chinese Communist leader said his forces now occupy 907,000 square miles of territory, or roughly 24.5 per cent of all China.

Mao said the Communist armies have killed or taken prisoner 2,640,000 men of the Kuomintang Government forces.

The population now under Communist rule number 108,000,000 or about 35 per cent of China's total population, he said. He added that 55 per cent of the total number of Chinese towns, had been occupied by the Communists.

The land reform promised by the Chinese Government party, Mao said, has been carried out in Red China over a territory occupied by about 100,000,000 inhabitants. The party has expropriated the property of landowners and kulaks (rich peasants), he said. Mao said that his party, which had 1,210,000 members in 1945, now has 3,000,000.—Associated Press.

Democrats Lead In Uncontested Southern States

Washington, November 2. Uncontested elections gave Democrats an early but inconclusive lead today in the nation-wide struggle for party control of the US Congress. Republicans held to their claims that they will retain their present leadership in both the House of Representatives and Senate when the 81st Congress convenes on January 3. At stake today are 432 House and 32 Senate seats. The State of Maine elected three Republican House members and Republicans to the Senate last September.

The early Democratic lead—even before any ballots were counted—is normal because of the party's control in the South.

In Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, three incumbent Senators had no opponents. Another Senator had only minor party opposition in Arkansas. Similarly in the House, 53 Democratic Congressmen were unopposed. So were five Republicans. Nine other Republicans won the nominations of both major parties, as did seven Democrats. They coasted to victory.

GOP Controls

The Republicans now control 246 of the 435 House seats that are subject to election every two years. They could lose 28 seats and still have a bare majority of 218. There are 187 Democratic seats in the House now and two held by American-Labor Party members. The Democrats must gain at least 31 to take over control.

Most Democrats claimed a better than even chance to recapture Senate control, and a few even hoped to do so in the House. "But," Republican leaders say they are certain of increasing their House majority and of retaining at least a bare majority of 49 seats in the Senate.

At present Republicans hold a six-vote margin of 51-45. Republican Senators are elected for six years, only 32—one-third of the full term—are at stake this year. But in addition to the Maine seat, already filled, the unexpired two-year term of the late Democratic Senator John F. Overtown in Louisiana also is up for election.

Of the 68 Senators who hope over 25 are Republicans and 30 are Democrats. Thus to win control the Democrats need to show a net gain of only four seats over the 18 they carried into the election.

Democratic Optimistic Before the vote counting got underway, Senator Scott Lucas, Chairman of the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee, predicted his party would hold all present seats and beat Republican candidates in from seven to 10 contests.

Mr. Herbert Brownell Jr., Republican campaign chief, was less optimistic. He claimed only that the Republicans could hold their present margin. Other Republicans would be happy to settle for a majority of one or two. Senate control usually is regarded as second in importance only to the Presidency. Without it, the White House finds it hard to reward the party faithful because most of the major political plums are subject to Senate confirmation.

And the party in control not only names committees but has a majority on each committee. That can be an important factor in steering legislation onto or away from the floor.—Associated Press.

Three Miners' Trains Derailed

Paris, November 2. Three miners' trains were reported to have been derailed in France today while police forces occupied more pits in the Northern Pas de Calais area and at Elormont Ferrand in Central France, following yesterday's 24 hour All Saints Day truce in the national strike battles.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour (CGT) gave no indication of ending the coal strike, now in its fifth week, but the Ministry of the Interior indicated that it would ensure full freedom of work in the numerous regions where a back-to-work movement was evident. Four derailed trains were returned, but no one was injured when a miners' train was derailed by the unbolting of rails today near Herin, northern France, according to the French news agency.

Another act of sabotage was reported from Lyons. Sur Baccant in the same region when the station was damaged by explosives being thrown in. A second train was similarly derailed between Rubagny and La Barque near Marseilles, the French agency reported.—Reuter.

"COSSACK" IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, November 2. The British destroyer, H.M.S. Cossack, arrived here this morning from Keelung, Formosa, where she participated in the rescue of 1,200 Chinese soldiers from a grounded Chinese transport. The destroyer is expected to remain in Shanghai for a week.—Reuter.

Marshal Li Prepared To Head Govt

Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee in Hong Kong, said yesterday he is prepared to become President of the proposed Provisional Coalition Government of China.

"If I am elected, I shall accept," said the 64-year-old former Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a special interview with the "China Mail."

Commenting on the current situation in China, the Marshal said that the present Chinese Government is crumbling faster than he anticipated.

He predicted that if the present deterioration continues, it will be a matter of two or three months to bring about a total collapse of the Government forces north of the Yangtze River.

"A regime like Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's must collapse. His soldiers and officers are not willing to fight," said Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Referring to press agency reports from Nanking that he had been designated as President of the proposed Coalition Government to be formed by parties opposed to the Government, the Marshal declared: "It is untrue, as are other similar speculations."

When asked whether, if he were elected or appointed as President of the proposed Provisional Coalition Government he would accept, the Marshal replied "yes."

The Marshal said that in spite of the Chinese Communist Party's strong political and military bargaining power as a result of their successes in North China, he is convinced that the Communists will be willing to participate in the proposed Coalition Government.

He added that he cannot say what his post will be in the Coalition Government but that he will be "very active" in the Government.

Arrive Safely The delegates, he added, had arrived safely in North China. Except for Madame Feng Yulan, wife of the Christian Generalissimo, who died in a fire on board a Russian ship in the Black Sea a few months ago, Marshal Li knew of no other delegates proceeding from abroad to North China.

He also could not say delegates from Singapore had proceeded to North China.

Marshal Li said that the Political Consultative Conference will not take place for some time. The convention date, he said, depends on military developments in North China.

perhaps after the fall of Hsuehchow and Peiping. He said that the delegates who had left for North China will not return, but will represent their individual parties at the Conference.

Marshal Li added that delegates from all over China, including non-Communist territory and from abroad, will be allowed to participate in the Conference. Military leaders and officers who actively demonstrate their support for the platform of the proposed Coalition Government, will also be included, he said.

The Political Consultative Conference will not be restricted to delegates from political parties. Industrial, commercial, cultural and educational leaders will be welcome, said Marshal Li Chai-sum.

The Weather

The anticyclone (low) which is slowly weakening while the cold anticyclone E of Japan continues to move slowly Eastwards into the Pacific. A well developed trough of low pressure extends from Malays across the S China sea and Philippines to the Marianas where a depression is developing SW of Japan.

Today's Forecast:—Light to moderate variable winds veering NE. Fine with morning haze.

Tomorrow's Weather: Maximum: 77° F. Min: 67° F. Rainfall: 0.2 inch. Wind: 10 to 15 mph. Humidity: 70 to 80%. Visibility: 10 to 15 miles. Clouds: Partly cloudy.

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INQUIRY INTO WING ON GODOWN BLAZE STARTS

The inquiry into the cause of and responsibility for the loss of life and damage as a result of the disastrous Wing On Godown fire on September 22 was begun at the Supreme Court yesterday by the Government-appointed five-man Commission.

The Commission, appointed by the Governor to inquire into the cause, consider and recommend what measures should be taken to prevent similar occurrences in the future, include Mr. Justice Reynolds (Chairman), Mr. N. O. C. Marsh, Mr. Kwok Chan, Mr. A. E. Lissman and Mr. Lo Min-nung.

Mr. T. D. Sorby is Secretary to the Commission.

The Wing On Company is represented by Mr. D.A.L. Wright (instructed by Mr. Y.K. Kan). Mr. P.L. Lam is holding a watching brief for the Association of Chinese Godowns. Mr. D. J. Evans represents the Fire Insurance Association of Hong Kong with Mr. T. Murphy, Fire Assessor of the Shanghai's F.I.A. Detective Sub-Inspector D. Shaw is for the Hong Kong Police.

Mr. Tse Hing-man, the first of six witnesses heard yesterday, told the Commission that the Wing On Construction Company, of which he is the manager, constructed the Wing On Godown and tenement building in 1926. The original plans, which he said conformed to the requirements needed by the authorities, could not be found as they were prepared nearly 20 years ago and might have also been mislaid during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong.

In 1927 the portion of the building along Des Voeux Road, West, constituting Godown No. 5 which was badly gutted, was altered from its original layout to a tenement building. The architect responsible for the alteration was Palmer and Turner. That was between June and October.

The partition walls were removed. The staircases were left alone. A cement roof was constructed above the open yards behind the ground floor. The purpose of the alteration, witness stated, was to use it as a godown. The chimney originally ran down to the ground floor, but the flue on the ground floor was covered up during the June-October work.

After the alteration, witness said, there was no other alteration as far as he could recollect. Questioned by Mr. Wright through the Commission, on the strength and nature of the construction, Mr. Tse said that the floor was at least five inches thick and "surely fire resisting."

Plan Approved

To his knowledge, witness told Mr. Evans, the original plans were approved by the Building authorities and the alteration might have been also approved. The appointed architect last inspected the premises before October 1947, after the completion of the alteration and before applying for the Occupation Certificate, he said. There was no other recommendation for further alteration, he stated.

Mr. W.E. Jones of the Public Works Department identified the plans which he had prepared showing the general layout of the building.

The five-storey building was of the usual type of reinforced concrete structure and well-constructed, Mr. K.S. Robertson, architect of the Building Ordinance Office, informed the Commission.

The staircase partitions were fire resisting, he said. During his inspection, witness said, he noticed one peculiarity at the west end of the building. There was no common staircase and those above the first floor had to get down through the first floor premises to the ground floor.

It would have been satisfactory had each floor had its own staircase, Mr. Robertson declared. The stairs should run on to the roof, he said, instead of stopping at the fourth floor. "They could be totally fire resisting."

It being a five-storey building there should be open fire escapes behind, witness said. He noticed that the stairs on fire escapes, which ran through the verandahs to the first floor, were missing between the second and third floors of No. 305 and between the third and fourth floors of No. 307.

Escape Latches

These fire-escapes had latches which could be easily lifted, depending on the obstruction placed above them. Anyone trying to escape a fire could jump from the first floor verandah which is about 15 feet high, to the road beneath, Mr. Robertson said.

Inspectors of the Building Ordinance Office would make routine check-ups of buildings, and as long as the structure conformed with the office regulations, the building would be approved. The inspectors would also make fire

check-ups in the office with plans of the building.

In reply to Mr. Wright's query as to the construction, witness described the building concerned as of a well-constructed type. The main godown, however, he said, was subjected to extreme heat and sustained tremendous damage. He could not away say whether there were any other buildings which comprise godowns and tenements.

Regarding Godown No. 2, witness told Mr. Evans that he went to the second floor only and saw no dividing walls in it. The staircases were open.

Mr. Lam Po-kuok, chief manager of the Wing On Company, said, that he had made several vain attempts to find the original plans of the building, and "I am still trying." They might probably have been mislaid during the Japanese occupation, he stated. There were lots of other documents which had been sent to be kept in the godowns, Mr. Lam said.

"Are you suggesting that the plans were in the burnt building?" the Chairman asked.

"Yes, but actually I don't know where they are now," witness replied.

Since his appointment he did not know of any alteration to the building, he knew that since the alteration it was used as domestic tenements.

Up to the end of July, 1948, the premises were in the hands of the Custodian of Enemy Property. The building was then handed over to the company and was used as a godown for storing purposes.

"Was Godown No. 5 licensed to store cinematic films and celluloid?" the chairman asked. The godowns were used for storing purposes for more than 20 years and the company had thought of applying for licence.

The company never applied for a licence, Mr. Lam added. As far as he knew, Mr. Lam declared, no one had inspected Godown No. 5. "In fact, I didn't know what was stored inside it." "I did not know the precaution to be taken when storing cinematic films and celluloid, but I know now," he said.

Not Insured

The godown was not insured after the Liberation, but they were before the war.

"I never occurred to me of the danger of the goods. Had it been so, I would have insured them heavily," witness declared.

The company normally encouraged its staff to take out life insurance policy, and only one of the employees killed by the fire was not insured, he said. Ninety out of 100 of the company's personnel were insured, Mr. Lam said.

Replying to Mr. Wright's question as to the receipt of any complaints from the tenants regarding the goods in the godown below the premises, he did not know about the goods going into the godown, he said. He had not seen the original plans of the building, but knew that it consisted of 36 flats, 16 of which were rented out to the general public.

Witness told Mr. Evans that nobody had reported to him of any inspection, and to his knowledge he had not heard of any. The flats were inspected soon after the Liberation, before they were rented out, he said.

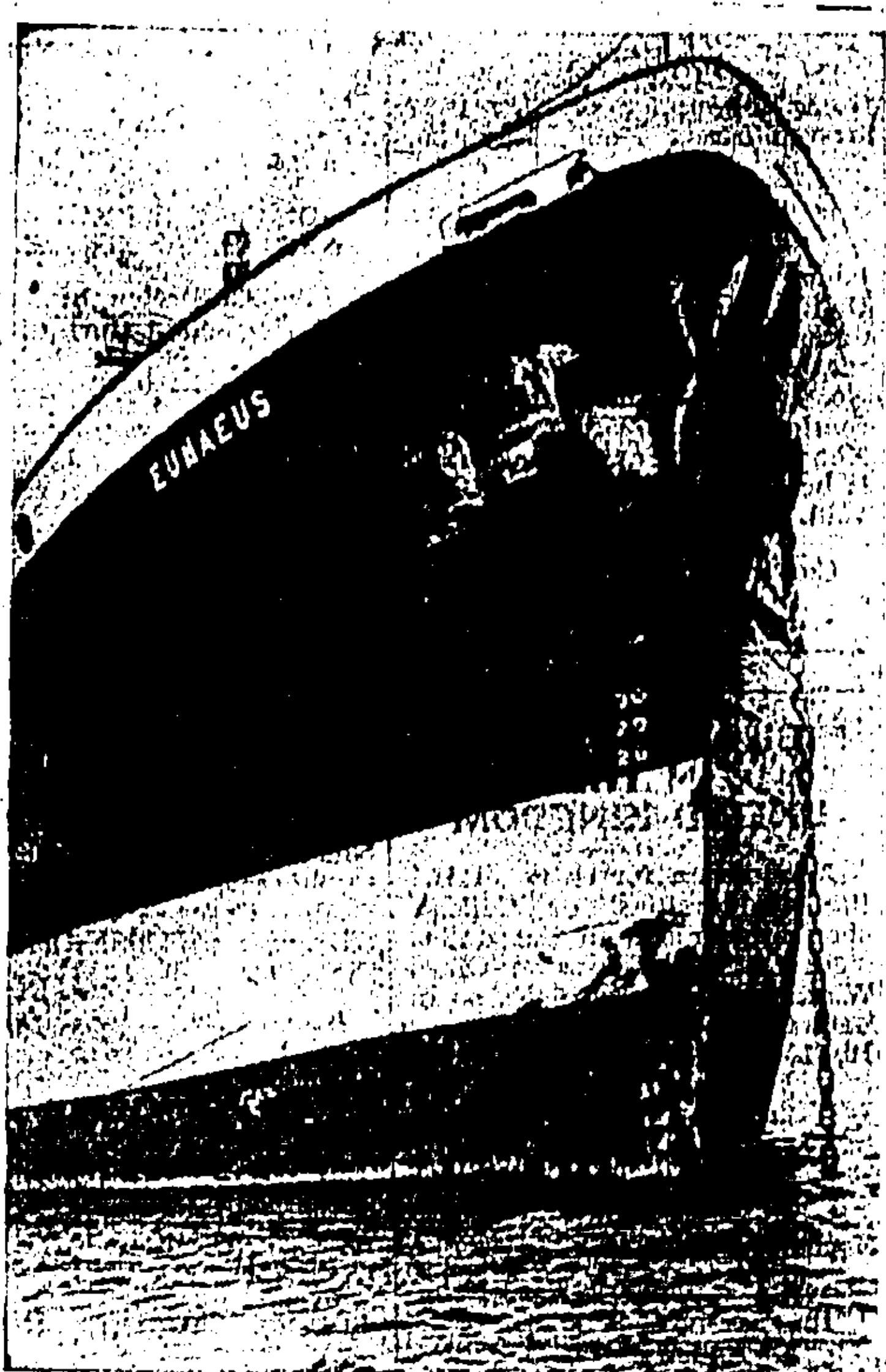
Witness stated that he could not say for certain but felt that there would be sub-tenants living with the others. He had no complaints from the tenants regarding the nature of the goods below. Such matters would normally reach him, witness said.

A minority of the tenants were pre-war inmates, he said, as many came back to take to their families, personally and knew the tenants had bona fide jobs. They were respectable families, Mr. Yip said.

Mr. Yip told Mr. Wright that the tenants consisted of the following classes—China Provident employees, the Wing On Company's staff, pre-war tenants and post-war tenants (mentioning the manager of the Tai Ping Theatre as being in this last named class).

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Harbour Collision



Buckled bow plates and a few sprung rivets with the damage suffered by the ss. Eumaeus in her collision with ss. Poltava in Lyemun Pass. ("China Mail" Photo).

HK\$1,500,000 Cargo Damaged In Collision

Cargo valued at HK\$1,500,000 was damaged in Monday's harbour collision between the Soviet ss. Poltava and the British ss. Eumaeus in Lyemun Pass.

The 1,821-ton Poltava carried about 3,500 tons of soya beans in her four holds. The cargo, valued at HK\$3,000,000, was consigned to a local Chinese firm from North Korea.

As a result of the damage sustained in the collision, water poured into Nos. 3 and 4 holds of the Soviet vessel.

Yesterday morning many of the bags of beans, soaked in sea water during the night, began to burst. At least 50 per cent of the soya bean cargo was damaged, according to the agents of the Soviet ship. Damaged and undamaged cargo was removed from the vessel yesterday.

A diver from Talkoo Docks was sent down yesterday morning to survey the damage of the vessel. It is proposed to patch up the vessel and tow her across the harbour from Kowloon Bay to Talkoo Docks for repairs.

Masters' Statements
Yesterday's arrival here by the ss. Poltava's second visit to the colony. She is a general cargo vessel and carries no passengers. She has a Soviet crew, and is under the command of Mr. Belove, the master and has a crew of 14.

The 7,308-ton ss. Eumaeus, Blue Funnel vessel involved in the collision, was repaired at her moorings in Kowloon Bay. The impact of the collision buckled bow plates and unloosed several rivets. No other damage was sustained.

The vessel, under the command of Mr. L. E. Evans with a crew of 38 Britons and 12 Asiatics, is expected to resume her voyage to United Kingdom via the Straits on Friday or Saturday.

She is carrying about 3,000 tons of general cargo, but no passengers. The Eumaeus arrived here on October 20 from Shanghai. The masters of both vessels were interviewed by the Department yesterday morning. Their statements on the collision were submitted to the Director of Marine, Mr. J. Jolly.

A report on the collision has been sent to the Governor.

Kowloon To Have Double-Deckers End Of January

Should the shipping schedule be adhered to, Kowloon will have its double-decker buses by the end of January, 1949, Mr. S. T. Louey, General Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., told the "China Mail" yesterday.

"We have just received a letter from the local agents stating that five of the chassis will be arriving here on December 4 by the ss. Calchas, followed by another five on December 16 by the ss. Benary, and five more by the ss. Agapenor a week later. The remaining four should be here on December 28 by the ss. Surat."

"The frames and windows for the body will be here on or about December 20," said Mr. Louey, who added that between two weeks and a month would be needed to build the bodies on the chassis. Asked about the issue of season tickets for both adults and children, Mr. Louey reiterated his previous statements that that is impossible until there are more vehicles on the roads.

Augmented Service

Questioned as to why his company could not issue monthly tickets when the Star Ferry and the tramways could do so, Mr. Louey said that his firm is in an entirely different position to the other two public transport.

"They can pack a tram to more than capacity and no action will be taken by the police. If we carry a single passenger over our capacity load, the company and the conductor will both be summoned."

Mr. Louey revealed that the bus service had been greatly augmented recently by additional buses on all routes. "We have now a five-minute service on practically all routes," he said.

Referring to recent complaints, published in the local press, Mr. Louey said that many of them were of the minor nature for a reply. "I only wish," he said, that some of your correspondents could see the long queues at the bus stops in England, as I saw them recently.

"The crowd did not scramble for a bus when it arrived, but moved up to it in an orderly manner. There was not a single complaint."

"If the people here would only emulate the example of the people in England, there would be less of a rush to get on a bus," he said. "Very often a bus is crowded while the one following is practically empty," said Mr. Louey.

Touching on other complaints, Mr. Louey said that, under his franchise, the bus company is forced to carry everybody, irrespective of the condition of his clothing. "How can we be blamed if a greasy or mechanic gets on a bus and soils the clothing of another passenger?"

"In England," he continued, "the conductor has the authority to refuse admittance to a passenger if his clothing is soiled. Let one of our men try it here, and the chances are 10 to one on his being assaulted."

Ip Kam-wing, licensee of a lighter, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with berthing at the Yuen Cheung Wharf on Sunday with his lighter loaded with 20 tons of diesel oil. The wharf is not a dangerous goods anchorage, and he was fined \$100.

Dissolution Deferment Granted

An application for an order that the dissolution of the Tung On Steamship Company Limited (In Voluntary Liquidation) be deferred until December 23, 1949, was granted by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The application was made on behalf of Mr. Ko Fook-lu and Mr. George Lambert Fenton, Liquidators of the Tung On Steamship Company Limited (In voluntary liquidation).

The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, a C.M.G., K.C., instructed by Mr. H.K. Woo of Messrs. Woo and Woo, represented the Liquidators. The application of the liquidators was for an order that the dissolution of the Tung On Steamship Co., Ltd., be deferred until (a) December 23, 1949 or (b) such time as it was determined whether any compensation should be paid by the Hong Kong Government in respect of the ss. Tung On formerly owned by the said company or (c) if the said determination was in the affirmative, then until such payment, whichever should first happen, in the alternative to (b) and (c), that the Liquidators might be at liberty to apply.

Mr. d'Almeida referred to the difficulties which would arise in the event of the application being refused. The expected assets which it was hoped to collect consisted of a claim against the Hong Kong Government in respect of the scuttling of ss. Tung On. This vessel was scuttled by order of the Hong Kong Government as a defence measure in the early days of the Pacific War.

Evidence In Tramway Case Given

Further evidence was given by Cheung San Cheung yesterday in the tramway case on the system of paying out the money to the inspectors. The case concerns fifteen inspectors and one conductor charged with conspiring together with others to defraud the Tramway Company of passenger fares between September last year and May this year.

Mr. A. J. Clifford instructed by Mr. P.A.L. Vint, prosecuted on behalf of the Tramway Company and defendants were represented by Mr. Marcus de Silva and Mr. P.C. Woo.

Cheung San said that prior to August last year the inspectors collected their own money as they boarded the trams. After December a meeting was held and it was decided that they form a Big Company, and the money collected would be pooled among the inspectors.

The case was adjourned until November 4 at 11.30 a.m.

Reminders

Today

St. Stephen's Girls College, annual Speech Day, 5.30 p.m.

The Engineering Society of Hong Kong meeting, talk on "Construction of Wharf" by Mr. Hugh Bragoe.

Toc It Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Wah Yan Dramatic Society presents "Lady Warrior", Wah Yan College Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

Sino-British Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 9 p.m.

Portuguese National Day Reception at Lu Club Lusitano, 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

Lecture on G.K. Chesterton by Rev. Fr. Sheridan, St. Thomas More Association, Catholic Club, King's Bldg. (open to public) at 5.30 p.m.

Splash Gala, European YMCA (final of the series). Dr. J. C. Tsao, of the Hong Kong University, will address the Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong on "Psychology in Postwar Britain" tomorrow. The meeting will take place at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.45 p.m.

The meeting of the Debating and Discussion Group of the European YMCA will not take place tonight. It has been postponed.

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Saturday, 6th November, 1948

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November 2, 1948.

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Switch on the next trick to diamonds in preference to the lower-ranking clubs. He consequently played his 10 on the heart lead. West, noting the height of the card, repeated the suit, with the A, and thereby presented South a game, doubled, on a silver platter. South, of course, refused, took out trumps in two rounds and then discarded a losing diamond on the heart Q. So he lost only two diamonds and one heart.

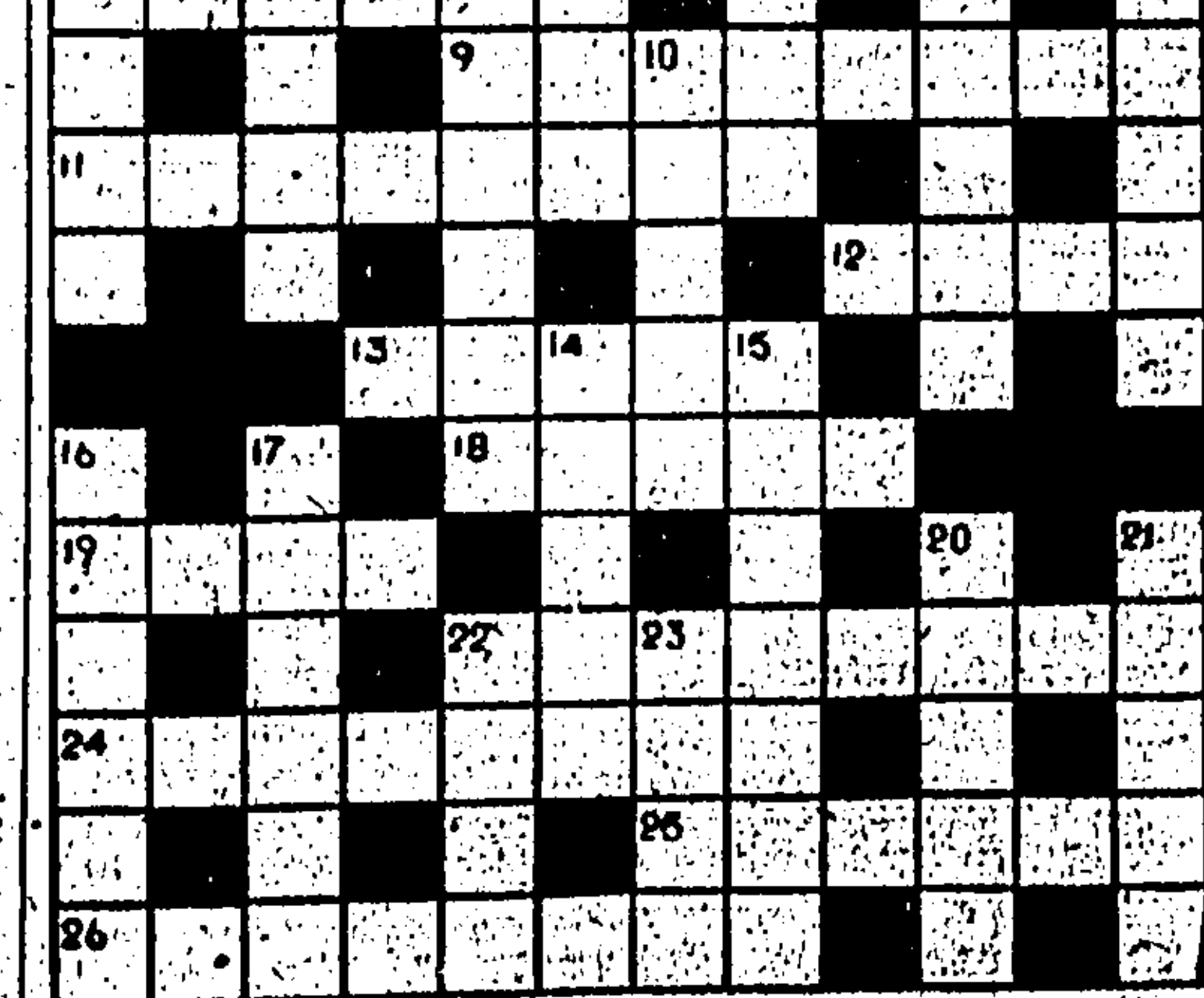
Who would be helped by a second heart lead? If West asked himself that simple question, he would have realized that the declarer would be aided by it. Therefore East had a different purpose, which could only be that he preferred the higher-ranking diamonds instead of clubs. In such a spot, that would be only the natural meaning of the signal. Obviously a switch to a diamond would have produced three tricks in the suit and beaten the contract.

Tomorrow's Problem
 S K Q 10 5
 H Q 8 4
 D Q 10 5
 C K 10 3
 S 8 3
 H A K 7 2
 D 8 7 3
 C 8 5 4 2

If you tried to get up a synthetic hand to teach someone his first lesson in the "suit preference" signal, you could hardly have done better than frame up this deal, produced by standard shuffling in a rubber game.

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Jewish Army Refuses To Give Up Positions

Dim View Of Sun's Eclipse

London, November 2. Adverse weather conditions in some parts of the Southern Hemisphere yesterday hampered scientists observing an eclipse of the sun.

Nairobi, in Kenya, a British African colony, experienced the heaviest rain, clouds and fog in the town's history at the time of the eclipse.

Scientists at the Mt. Stromlo observatory in Canberra, Australia, obtained photographs and data. Pictures were taken of the first half of the eclipse but snow clouds on nearby mountains obscured the second half.

The sun was partially eclipsed as it rose over Egypt, the Helwan observatory said.

The observatory said the eclipse was total in the regions of the Pacific and Central Africa, and partial in Australia, parts of Northern India, the Arabian Peninsula and North and South Africa.—Associated Press.

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12.15 p.m. Morning Prayer (Studio).

12.30 p.m. Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m. "Music for Tomorrow" (Reg. London and His Players with Victor, (HUTTS).

1.00 p.m. Charles King at the Piano & Perry Como, (Voice).

1.15 p.m. News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m. Interval.

1.30 p.m. "From the Shows" (HUTTS).

2.00 p.m. Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme Summary.

4.01 p.m. Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas, Episode 2: "The Downfall of Fernand" (HUTTS).

4.30 p.m. "Reveries to the Stars" (HUTTS).

4.45 p.m. Savonine Recital by Emilio Salgari, with Piano accompaniment by Vicente Cristobal, (Studio).

7.00 p.m. World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m. "Parelli" (Studio).

7.30 p.m. "The Hall Orchestra" (HUTTS).

8.10 p.m. "Much Building in the March" (HUTTS).

8.10 p.m. A Talk by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser (London Relay).

8.15 p.m. "It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard, (Studio).

9.15 p.m. "Focus on Italy"—Part 1. Narrated by Edward Ward and written and Produced by Marjorie Banks, (London Relay).

9.45 p.m. Capriccio Italiani (Tchikowsky), (Studio).

10.00 p.m. Radio News Hour (London Relay).

10.15 p.m. Weather Report.

10.16 p.m. "Bonds of Time" Presented by Clifford Davis, (Studio).

10.45 p.m. Dance to Ted Heath and His Orchestra with Paul Carpenter, (HUTTS).

11.15 p.m. Weather Report and Close Down.

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He added that the Jews have occupied strategic heights and a village in Lebanese territory South West of Metulla, on the Palestine frontier.

Factually, there was no actual penetration as the maximum depth of the Jewish advance is only three miles.

An Egyptian military spokesman claimed in Cairo earlier today that fighting was raging on the Palestine Southern front, where Jews were "still violating the truce."

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli representative said that apart from "some shelling" in the Majdal and Yabou sectors, all was quiet on the Negev front.

Judgment On Tojo Out Tomorrow?

Tokyo, November 2. A tentative date for starting the reading of the judgment of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East on Hideki Tojo and 24 other Japanese leaders has been set for November 4.

The 11 Allied judges after a morning-long meeting, decided to open on Thursday, if it is mechanically possible to have copies of the judgment ready by that time. Major General Myron C. Kramer, American member, said.

Thus far only enough copies of the first section of the judgment have been prepared to enable the judges to check their opinion. However, stenils have been cut for mimeographing the first section—about half of the estimated 1,500 pages—and processing can begin at once unless extra—size changes and corrections are made.—Associated Press.

ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETS

Cairo, November 1. The seven-nation Arab League Council convened on Saturday, presided over by King Muhammad II. Abdullah of Jordan, the Yemen Foreign Affairs Under-Secretary. Iraq was not represented at the meeting but the Secretary General said the Iraqi delegation will arrive very soon.

Abdullah Helmi Pasha, Prime Minister of the recently created Gaza Palestine Arab Government, and Jamal Hussaini, its Foreign Minister, represented Arab Palestine and were greeted by the President as "active members in the League of the Arab States" after the opening speeches.—Associated Press.

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Rita Hayworth Off On A Trip

Hollywood, November 2. The film actress, Miss Rita Hayworth, and Prince Aly Khan, son of the Aga Khan, left Hollywood by air yesterday for Mexico City.

The couple, whose names have been linked romantically since they met on the French Riviera last summer, declined to comment on their plans.—Associated Press.

PRETENDER'S SON IN LISBON

Lisbon, November 1. Don Juan Carlos, 10-year-old son of Don Juan, Pretender to the Spanish throne, arrived in Lisbon by air tonight from Freiburg, Switzerland, where he had been studying.

His parents are already in Lisbon.

It was authoritatively stated in Madrid last month that the boy would continue his studies in Spain.—Reuter.

British Reds At US Embassy

London, November 1. Seven hundred Communists outside the United States Embassy tonight booed and shouted: "Take those bombers home" and "Stop the frame-up."

A deputation of four entered the Embassy to protest against the trial of 12 American Communist leaders.

Supporters of the deputation, demonstrating in the pouring rain, were held back by a police cordon.

Meanwhile, 200 of their colleagues marched through the West End with placards saying: "On trial for opposing war. Protest against the trial of 12 United States Communist leaders."

A press statement issued on behalf of the deputation said: "The protest campaign already gives promise of reaching the dimensions of the movement which protested at the case of Tom Mooney and those of Sacco and Vanzetti."

It added that the deputation will request the President of the United States to quash the indictment on the grounds that it "does not allege that any specific act of violence was committed, advocated, prepared or envisaged by the American Communists but is solely concerned to obtain a decision that those who held Marxist views and organise the expression of these views are guilty of criminal conspiracy."

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STRIKERS ROUND UP REPUBLICAN GUARDS!

Paris, November 1. Strikers rounded up Republican security guards and locked them in a courtyard in a pithead battle at Cransac, South Western France, today. Several non-striking workers were injured.

The guards, sent to take over the pit, won the second round of the battle, when reinforcements arrived an hour later and released the captives.

The police today offered special protection to miners willing to return to work, after week-end violence in which mobs entered 12 non-striking houses at Douai in the North, smashed windows and flung furniture into the streets.

A mining engineer and his wife were injured by an improvised bomb near their home at Weziers in the same area.

Six people were arrested after the incidents.

Troops had not completed their occupation of the pits in the Northern coalfield, and intimidation of non-striking workers was said by observers to be increasing.

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DEATH

MANN—On November 2, 1948,

David Mann aged 36 years,

Funeral at the Colonial

Cemetery, Happy Valley, to-

day at 5 p.m.

A MISFIRE

General B. S. Lee's an-

nouncement that the Com-

munist insurgents in South

Korea have been decisively

defeated means no more than

that the first bid of the Soviet

planners has misfired. It

does not mean that the dan-

ger is over, merely that new

methods will have to be

tried. Fortunately, Com-

munist has few adherents in

South Korea. The free elec-

tions held in May gave them

less than five per cent of an

exceptionally heavy poll.

Nevertheless, they are well

organised and can count upon

the encouragement, if not the

material backing, of the or-

thodox Soviet state which the

Russians have set up in North

Korea. President Syngman

Rhee has frequently com-

plained of frequent infiltra-

tion of Communist agents

from the North. Their aim

is to start disturbances which

might develop in such a way

as to provide an excuse for

the Russian-trained "people's

army" in the North to step

in. The South Korean Gov-

ernment recently stretched a

police cordon across the

peninsula three miles south

of the 28th parallel to bar the

way without courting clashes

with North Korean patrols

on the Russian side of the

border.

While Dr. Syngman Rhee

was away in Tokyo visiting

General MacArthur, a rebel-

lion broke out in the extreme

Southern tip of the penin-

sula. The small towns of

Yosu and Suncheon were seized,

apparently with the aim

of securing arms to capture

the port of Rusan, but the

Communists were able to ad-

vance only in the face of

stiff resistance and many

casualties and it would seem

from General Lee's statement

that the Government now

believes that it can quell the

outbreak. American forces,

still some 24,000 strong in

South Korea, have not been

asked to intervene.

The Russian decision to

withdraw the Soviet army of

occupation from the North-

ern zone—a movement which

is stated to have begun al-

ready—does not mean that

the Soviet Union is in any

way disinterested itself in

Korean affairs. With a Com-

munist state firmly estab-

lished in the North under the

dictatorship of an armed

minority of the population,

the Russians may well think

that they can safely leave to

it the work of bringing the

entire country under Com-

munist control. Such cal-

culations may be upset by

the enthusiasm which the

people in the South are

showing for the new Govern-

ment. Until this Govern-

ment feels strong enough to

resist attack from the North

with its own resources, it has

asked American troops to

stay, and the Korean National

Assembly has agreed by 68

votes to 10 to withhold a

motion asking for their with-

drawal. This, of course, is

simple common sense until

such time as the Korean Gov-

ernment can stand solidly on

its own feet.

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ling how he put it over [in Lon-
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Terrible. 3:45, commander in
chief meeting till 5:00. One day
—three meetings; net result—
zero.

AUGUST 29—Office, no meet-
ing. Just papers. P.m. partial
sun bath and read A Bell for
Adano.
Chiang Kai-shek wants me to
go up for "important conference."

AUGUST 30—Office—this and
that. 11:45 meeting. Just crap.
3:00 p.m. G-2 meeting. Terrible.
3:30 SAC [supreme Allied com-
manders] meeting. More crap.
On and on till 5:30 or later.

AUGUST 31—Last day in Cey-
lon. Papers all morning. 3:30
SAC meeting. Sad. Packed till
midnight.

AUGUST 30—Up at 3:30, off at
7:40, Delhi at 0:00.

SEPTEMBER 4—Office, to air-
field at 10:00 and met Hurley,
Nelson, etc. Talked with Pat
[Hurley] and Nelson till lunch
and afterward till 4:30. [At]
dinner more talk on Russia.
[Mountbatten] tried to ditch me
at Cairo. E.D.R. said no. Pat says
George [Marshall] is for me and
realises difficulties.

SEPTEMBER 5—Up early and
off at 9:00. Pat, Sultan, etc. Nel-
son to Agra in other plane.
Chubut at 4:00.

SEPTEMBER 6—Off at 0:20
[across Hump] in C-54 with Hur-
ley and Nelson. Over Kunming
at noon. Pei Shih Yi [Chungking]
at 2:00 and at the house at 3:00.
All as usual, big mail. Hurley
and Nelson in. Worked till 11:15.

THE FOLLOWING NOTES,
written over a period of months
and found among General Stil-
well's undated papers, help set
the background for the develop-

ing conflict of 1944 that cul-
minated in the Stilwell crisis.
CHIANG KAI-SHEK—I never
heard Chiang Kai-shek say a
single thing that indicated grati-
tude to the President or to our
country for the help we were
extending to him. Invariably,
when anything was promised, he
would wait more. Invariably,
he would complain about the
small amount of material that
was being furnished. He would
make comparisons between the
huge amounts of Lend-Lease sup-
plies going to Great Britain and
Russia with the meagre trickle
going to China. He would com-
plain that the Chinese had been
fighting for six or seven years
and yet we gave them practically
nothing. It would be of course
undiplomatic to go into the
nature of the military effort
Chiang Kai-shek had made since
1938. It was practically zero.

Whether or not he was grate-
ful was a small matter. The
regrettable part of it was that
there was no quick pro quo. We
did what we could, furnished
what was available, without be-
ing allowed to first ask what he
would do, etc. The result was
that we were continuously on
the defensive and he could ob-
struct and delay any of our
plans without being penalised.
[I have] faith in Chinese sol-
diers and Chinese people: fun-
damentally great, democratic,
misgoverned. No bars of caste
or religion. Honest, frugal, in-

teresting, cheerful, independent,
tolerant, friendly, courteous.
I judge Kuomintang and
Kunghantung [Communist par-
ty] by what I saw.

[KMT] Corruption, neglect,
chaos, economy, taxes, words
and deeds. Hoarding, black
market, trading with enemy.

Communist programme, reduce
taxes, rents, interest. Raise
production, and standard of liv-
ing. Participate in government.
Practice what they preach.

CHINESE ARMY—In 1944, on
paper, the Chinese Army consisted
of 324 divisions, 60-odd divi-
sions and 89 so-called guerrilla
units of about 2,000 men each.
This looks formidable on paper,
till you go into it closely. Then
you find:

1. That the average strength
per division instead of 10,000
is not more than 5,000.

2. The troops are unpaid,
unfed, shot with sickness and
and malnutrition.

3. That equipment is old, in-
adequate, and unserviceable.

4. That training is nonexistent.

5. That the officers are job-
holders.

6. That there is no artillery,
transport, medical service,
etc., etc.

contacts should be successful. If
they were, we could gradually
build up confidence—if not, it
would be almost impossible to
keep them on the offensive.
The Chinese had no confidence
in themselves. We started out to
give them some.

PHILOSOPHY AS APPLIED TO
SUPPLY
Conversation with the second
in command of the Kth war zone:
Q. "General Wang, now that the
Japs have taken the salt mines
in South Shansi doesn't that
seriously affect your supply?"
A. "Oh, we've still got the salt
in Yunnan to draw on."

Q. "Yes, but you have now lost
the Tungku field, the Kiangsu
field, and the Shansi field. Is
there enough salt in Yunnan to
supply the whole country?"
A. "Well, we have as
much as we had before."

Q. "Then there's the matter of
gasoline. What are you going
to do about that?"
A. "Oh, we'll get along all
right."

Q. "But you can't import any,
and you don't produce any. As
time goes on, you'll be in a
bad fix. This matter of salt
and gasoline supply is serious.
Aren't you worried about it?"
A. "Oh, no, there's really no-
thing to worry about. Of
course, without resupply, our
stock will get smaller and
smaller, but you don't seem to
understand that as the Japs oc-
cupy more and more of the
country, the part left to us will
get smaller and smaller, and we
won't need so much salt and
gasoline."

In time of war you have to
take your allies as you find them.
We were fighting Germany to tear
down the Nazi system—one-party
government, supported by the
Gestapo and headed by an un-
balanced man with little educa-
tion. We had plenty to say
against such a system. China, our
ally, was being run by a one-
party government (the Kuomintang),
supported by a Gestapo
(Tai Li's organisation) and head-
ed by an unbalanced man with
little education. This govern-
ment, however, had the prestige
of the possession of power—it
was opposing Japan, and its titu-
lar head had been built up by
propaganda in America out of all
proportion to his deserts and ac-
complishments. We had to back
the existing regime in order to
have any chance of getting China
to pull her weight. To change
the structure during the emer-
gency would have been next to
impossible. All through the Chi-
nese machinery of government
there are interlocking ties of in-
terest, family, financial, polit-
ical, etc. No man, no matter
how efficient, can hope for a po-
sition of authority on account of
being the man best qualified for
the job; he simply must have
other backing. To reform such a
system, it must be torn to pieces.
You build framework to grow
grapevines on; in the course of
time, the vines grow all over it,
twisting in and out and around
and pretty soon the frame is so
tightly held by the vines that if
you start pulling them out, you
will tear the frames to pieces.
We could not risk it, we had to
take the instrument as we found
it and do the best we could. But
because it was expedient to back
this government to get action
against Japan, it was not neces-
sarily advisable to endorse its
methods and policies. We could
have required some return for
our help.

(To Be Continued)

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Incredibly Naive

I feel pretty sure that Danny
Kaye is so pro-British he would
probably accept payment for
future performances there in
pounds.

If he and others would do this
it would certainly help the Ex-
chequer. American showmen say
that our music-halls, and those in
Australia and Canada too, cannot
make profits unless a U.S. star
heads the bill.

This could be. All I know is the
New York theatrical season was
dying on its infant feet until
Robert Morley, Peggy Ashcroft,
and Ian Hunter came along with
"Edward, My Son," and the oldie
"Private Lives," by Noel Coward,
was revived.

The statisticians forecast that
despite all the gloom the Ameri-
can film industry will receive not
less than 45,000,000 dollars in
cash from its foreign showings
during 1949. Half comes from
Britain and France. The total is
only 50 per cent of receipts in
1947, but it is undoubtedly some-
thing for which Mr. Johnston and
all executives here should be
grateful.

Shakespeare has not been doing
so well in Toronto. Margaret
Webster's productions of "Ham-
let" and "Macbeth" for college
and high-school students were
greeted with boos, catcalls, and
wolf whistles during the playing
of love scenes. Alfred Ryder,
playing Hamlet, went to the foot-
lights and pleaded for order, but
the students booed.

Tallulah's Act
The newscasts are playing no
favourites in the Presidential
campaign. Audiences are ap-
parently all for the candidates. Per-
haps Tallulah Bankhead will
live things up when she speaks
over a national hook-up from her
dressing-room urging voters to
support Mr. Truman. Deserted
by so many, the President is
quite touched by the actress's
loyalty.

Best party of the week was
given by Beatrice Lillie, Arthur
Schwartz, and Howard Dietz for
Sir Charles and Lady Colman.
A pity some of our more recently
successful theatrical producers
haven't Colman's grace, charm,
and publicity know-how.

Footnote—Churchill has shown
America that he has the convic-
tions of his courage.

The most delighted man in
Hollywood is Danny Kaye, who
topped six American acts at the
Royal Command Performance on
November 1.

Churchill's "Richard the Lion
Hearted," written some years ago
for Korda, was never filmed, but
may go before the cameras when
production costs are not so high.

New shops, new restaurants,
new offices open on the avenues.
Street cleaners puff cigars and
drive away from their jobs in
Chevrolets, Plymouths, and Fords.

Liftmen got £10 a week, and
secretaries demand £15. Drug-
store counters and bars are
crowded and stores are full of
buyers.

New furs, brightly coloured—
even rose red or horizon blue,
and very light, about 5lb.—are on
show, and the latest mink with a
flowing skirt, 14ft. in circum-
ference at the bottom, is priced
at £4,000.

War talk has diminished and
the town is grumbling about lesser
troubles—mass picketing, a beer
drought due to strikes, proposals
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scrap the barriers.
And all this is to be done on
the hop, perhaps by Christmas,
but certainly before the new
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There is something incredibly
naïve in these exhortations. The
New World forgets the years of
struggle and agony before the in-
fant American Republic could
totter.

It ignores the centuries of
European division, distrust, pride,
and envy, and the little matter of
differences in language.

If We Can Do It
The fact that Britain already
has a united Commonwealth com-
prising one-quarter of the globe
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is an added irritant to the U.S.E.
boomers and hucksters. If we
can handle a giant job like that,
say the critics, United Europe
should be a mere limbering-up
exercise.

The election of Thomas E.
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ginning to worry about what
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If Dewey wins on November 2
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Cynics say the U.S. has got along
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Actually, the next two months
will be busy. General MacArthur
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Cabinet members will be packing
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sure what Dewey intends to do
except "carry out the biggest un-
tangling, unswerving operation in
the country's history."
New York, almost bare of cam-
paign posters, markets in autumn
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visitors from out of town. Traffic
blocks are far worse than Lon-
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New shops, new restaurants,
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MANCHURIA CHANGES THE WORLD PICTURE

Communist Victory Alters Whole Balance Of Power

ALL FAR EAST AFFECTED

London, November 1.

The loss of Manchuria to the Chinese Communists is considered by diplomatic observers to represent a major shift in the world balance of power.

The success of the Chinese Reds, it is thought, may have far-reaching results throughout the Far East.

Without Manchuria's natural resources, it is felt in London, no Chinese government can be a great power.

It was because it recognized the supreme importance of Manchuria that the Government of President Chiang Kai-shek continued the struggle to the end, even though a withdrawal some months ago might have saved much valuable war material and many lives.

Opinion here differed today about the probable future developments in China. Reports reaching London suggest that the Chinese Government believes it can still check the Southward advance of the Communists and prevent the spread of the fighting to North China.

Other reports suggest a determined effort will be made by both sides in the civil war to secure a negotiated peace. If such a negotiated settlement capable of reuniting China can be established, the loss of Manchuria to the Chinese Government must leave a power vacuum in the Far East.

Effect On Asia

China, one of the five permanent members of the Security Council and a member of the North Atlantic Council of Foreign Ministers, is for the present gravely weakened.

At the same time, the progress of the Chinese Communists must be expected to give aid and encouragement to the active Communist movement throughout South East Asia, with which it is known to be directly linked.

Washington quarters said the recent drastic setbacks to President Chiang Kai-shek had speeded a complete review of the United States policy on aid to China, which plays a decisive role in the conflict.

Ways of giving immediate effective assistance to the Chinese Government are under study in Washington, but it is uncertain whether such methods can be found, these sources added. Any reorganization or extension of aid would take many weeks.

Authoritative sources in Nanking, the Chinese Nationalist capital, said the Government had agreed that all future military aid would be sent direct in United States Navy ships to North China, where General Fu Tso-yi, the most successful of the anti-Communist leaders, is in command.

Only Hope

This was agreed with Admiral Oscar Badger, the Commander of the United States Western Pacific Fleet now stationed in Tsingtau.

This agreement, coupled with the belief that American aid will be increased if Governor Thomas E. Dewey is elected President, provides the only Nationalist hope of avoiding a complete military disaster, it was added.

The New York Herald Tribune quoted today an interview by its Peking correspondent with President Chiang Kai-shek, who said that China must have further help "if a third World War is to be avoided."

The newspaper commented in an editorial: "This means the rescue of China, or more particularly, the rescue of Chiang Kai-shek, and it is the United States which must do the rescuing."

"It is the old argument which

he has used so many times. It confronts two immovable facts:

Soviet Blamed

"1.—That American power and resources are not unlimited.

"2.—That even if these resources were ten times what they are, they still could not save China unless China could somehow develop the internal strength to save herself."

The New York Times said that the Communist conquest of Manchuria is the result of "the same Soviet policy of aggression and bad faith which imperils Europe."

In return for vital concessions in Manchuria, Russia laid itself under an obligation to support the Chinese National Government morally and militarily. "Instead, it has supported only the Chinese Communists morally and militarily," Reuter.

America To Speed Up Arms Deliveries To Chinese

Washington, November 1.

The United States gave approval to US\$5,000,000 of arms purchase by China over the week-end as the Communists won control of Manchuria.

Government officials said today that disbursements from the US\$125,000,000 which the US Congress voted for military aid to the hard-pressed Nationalist Government have mounted to about US\$110,000,000. The total last Friday was US\$105,000,000.

Shipment of American-made ammunition for small arms and military equipment of many kinds has been speeded up by the collapse of Chiang Kai-shek's forces in Manchuria. But the effort to bolster President Chiang is reported to have been complicated by loss of large quantities of American munitions in the fighting around Mukden.

Chinese sources said ammunition

now being shipped in US Government vessels included substantial quantities of 30 calibre rifle and machine-gun cartridges designed to fit weapons of types lost to the Communists in Manchuria.

North China Defence

President Chiang's troops also use a "Generalissimo" rifle of 7.92 millimetre calibre for which they cannot obtain ammunition from American Army stores.

A left over World War II lot of 130,000 of these cartridges was turned over to the Chinese last year.

While Manchuria is lost, some officials believe that the aid which the US is able to give the Nationalists will be important in the defence of North China.

Officials said the Chinese are using their US\$125,000,000 for US\$47,500,000 worth of army equipment, US\$28,500,000 for Air Force supplies and US\$49,000,000 for Navy needs.

Pressing Need

The White House has disclosed that President Harry Truman last July directed Defence Secretary James Forrestal to help the Chinese meet their military needs and make available arms from

Lancs Lass To Attend Elizabeth

London, November 2.
Princess Elizabeth chose a Lancashire lass yesterday to be one of the nurses attending her at the birth of her baby this month.
The nurse, Miss Mabel Anderson, 22, whose policeman father was killed in the Blitz in 1941, is now living in Egham, Scotland.
She will assist Nurse Helen Maud Rowe of London, who was chosen because she attended the Duchess of Kent at the birth of Prince Michael.
—Associated Press.

WHALES' VISIT TO GLASGOW

Glasgow, November 2.
Two whales worked their way up more than 20 miles of the River Clyde yesterday to within a few hundred yards of the centre of the city.
They dived and rolled and blew.
Many Glasgow folk gathered to see the show, for which the 20-ton whales charged not a farthing.
Some ferry boats and other little vessels moved up the river away from the whales to keep from being damaged.
The Scots think the whales will live only a little while because the Clyde is dirty and oily and not clean like the sea where the whales lived before they got to Glasgow.
—Associated Press.

Black-Out On News From Manchuria

Peking, November 2.

A news black-out fell over Mukden yesterday afternoon when the Communists walked in. A trickle of official information still seeped through from the American Consulate-General there which has its own radio receiving and sending station.

A message sent at 7.30 a.m. yesterday warned against any American aircraft flying to Mukden. There was no immediate explanation.

Meanwhile, the French authorities followed the lead of the British and American consulates and warned their nationals in North China of possible travel difficulties if they delay any intended departures too long.

"We have not advised any one to leave," the French Consul at Peking, M. Michel Brel, told the Associated Press. "We have merely told them what the travel position is."

Consular representatives of most other countries took the same line with their nationals, so prospects are that the majority of the foreigners will stay for any ultimate Red occupation.

There are roughly 675 Americans in the Peking Consular area, most of them in Peking.

About 150 of this total are official families.

Heavy Booking

There are about 200 to 250 Americans in the Tientsin Consular area, most of them in Tientsin.

Present indications are less than 50 per cent of the Americans will avail themselves of the advice and opportunity to withdraw.

Normal shipping out of Peking is booked solid months ahead and it is possible that LSTs will be used to evacuate those wishing to leave.

There is no question of American Consulates withdrawing. The policy is to remain where they are—a policy already applied in Mukden.

Britons Safe

The American Consul-General in Peking is Edmund Clubb, who formerly served in the same capacity in Mukden. In Tientsin it is Robert Smyth, who was with the U.S. Embassy in Chungking during part of the war. Both have had long experience in China.

Information received, meanwhile, said three Britons previously listed among those remaining in Mukden were flown out on October 29. They were Sybil Winton of the British-American Tobacco Com-

CURRENCY IS CHINA'S NO. 1 NEED

Los Angeles, November 1.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek considers currency stabilization China's number one need, the Mirror said today in a copy-righted story.

The newspaper said it reached the Generalissimo's wife by telephone in the Nanking Palace and: "What can the United States do right now to help China?" was the first question asked.

"The United States can help China stabilize our new currency," Madame Chiang replied. The newspaper continued:

"Her preoccupation with economic questions such as the tottering Chinese currency can be taken as an indication that serious economic disruption threatens that part of China not overrun already by the Communist armies."

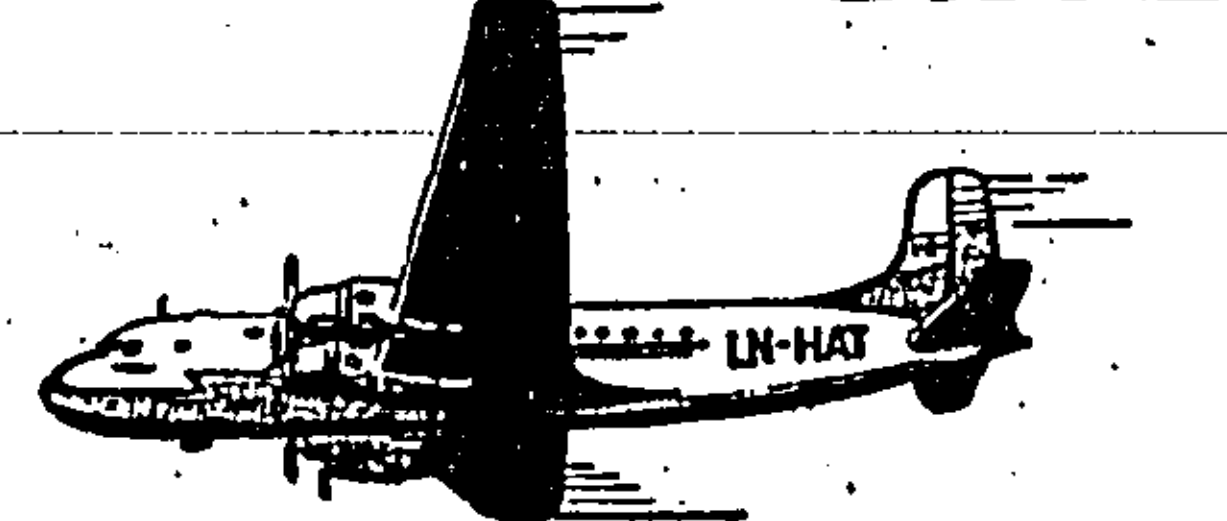
"A second collapse of the Chinese currency, coming on top of the military reverses in Manchuria, possibly could result in the fall of Chiang's Government."

CLARE LUCE VICTIMISED

New York, November 1.

Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, playwright and ex-Congresswoman from Connecticut, reported today that thieves stole US\$35,000 in jewelry from her Waldorf-Astoria suite early on Sunday as she and her husband slept.
—United Press

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SHOULD CALL BULLY'S BLUFF

New York, November 2.

Russian ships should be barred from using the Suez, Panama and Kiel Canals and no more crude rubber should be sent by America and Britain to the Soviet Union, according to Major General William J. Donovan.

General Donovan, former head of the U.S. Office of Strategic Services (Security), suggested those measures to "call the bully's bluff."

"The only way we are going to have peace is by showing that we are bigger, stronger and more determined and that we are going to have peace by compulsion," General Donovan said. "To have peace you have got to take the risk of war." —Associated Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The picture shows the entrance to the Peak Tram lower station.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Ninth Extra Race Meeting

Saturday, 6th November, 1948.

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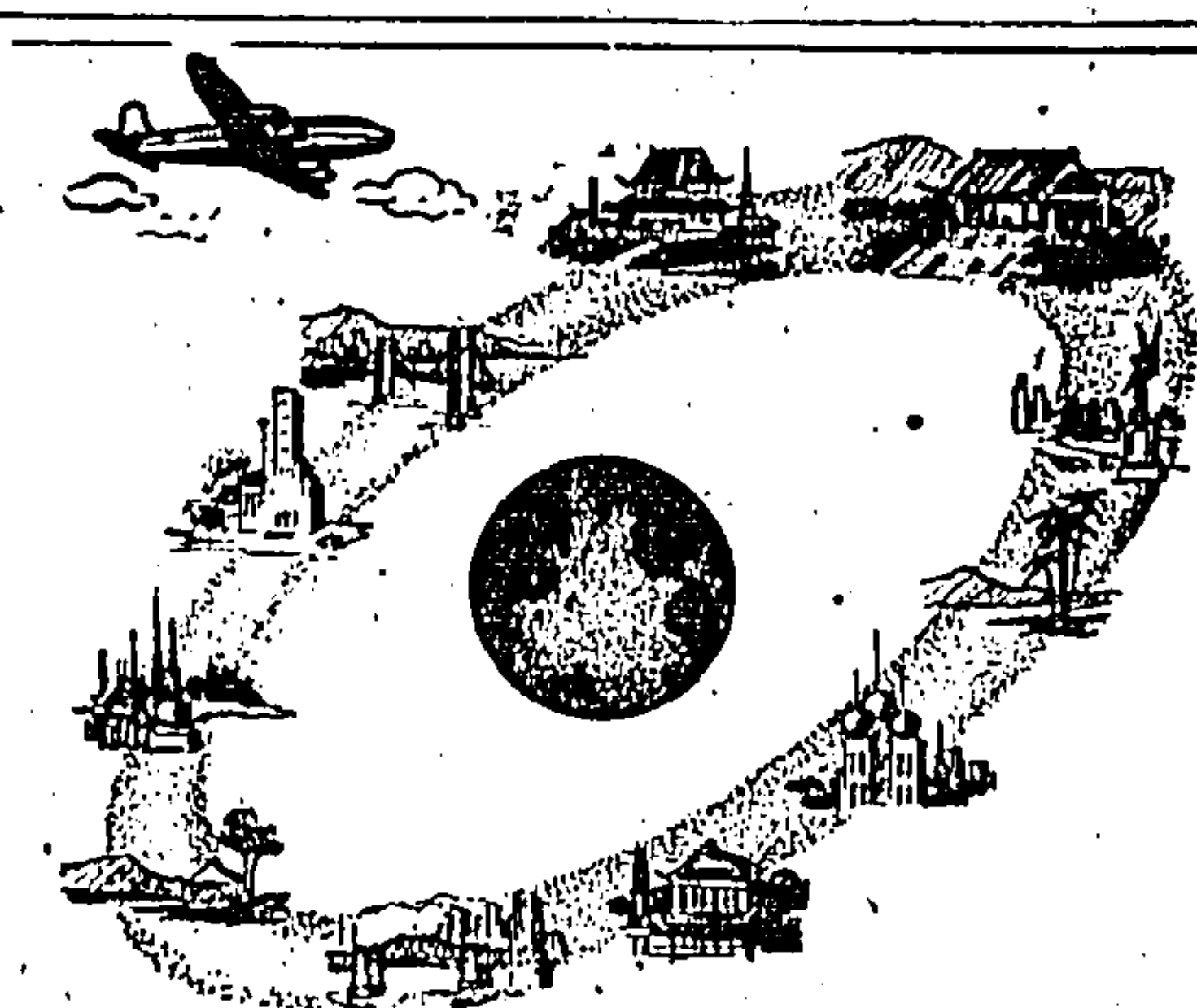
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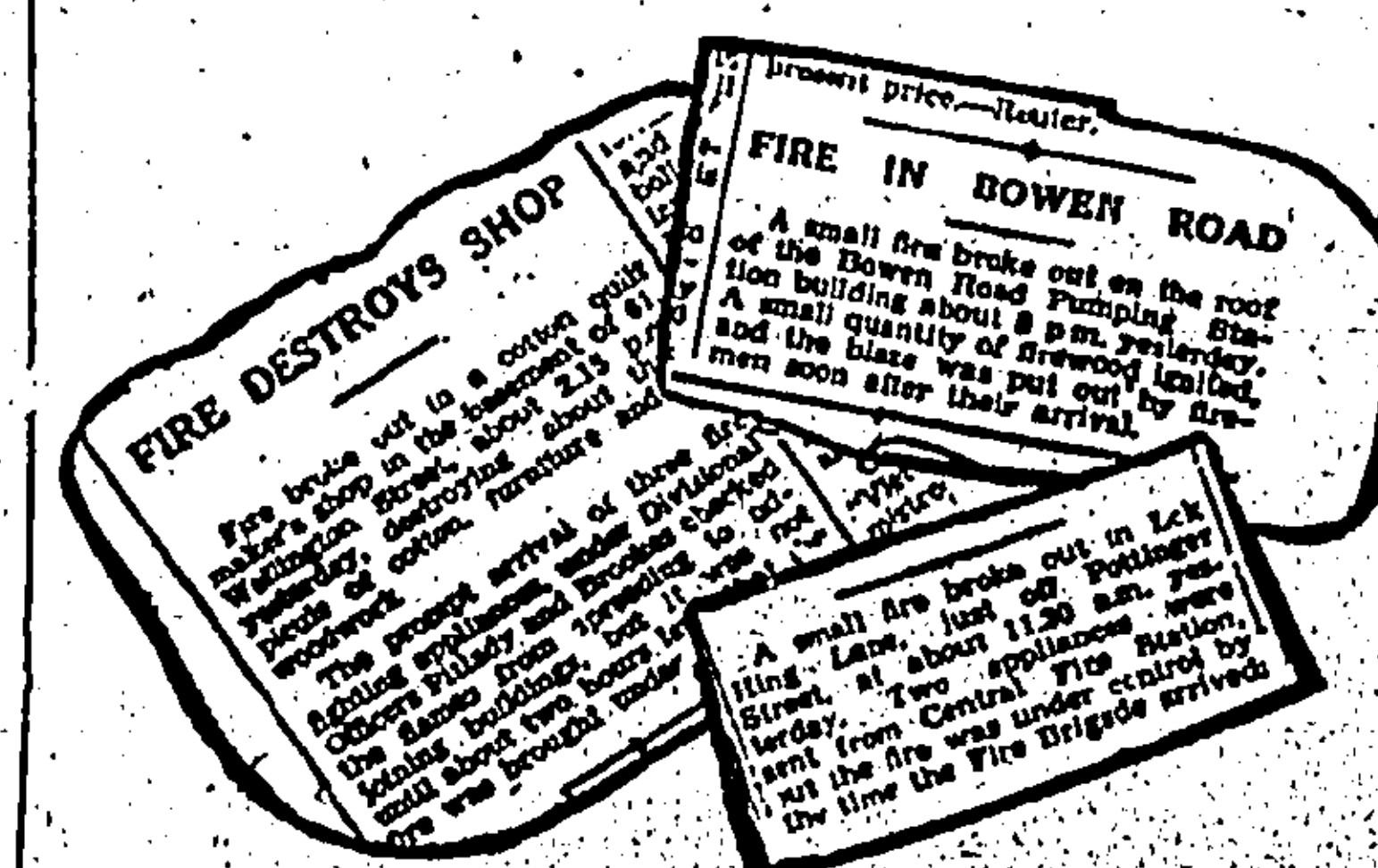
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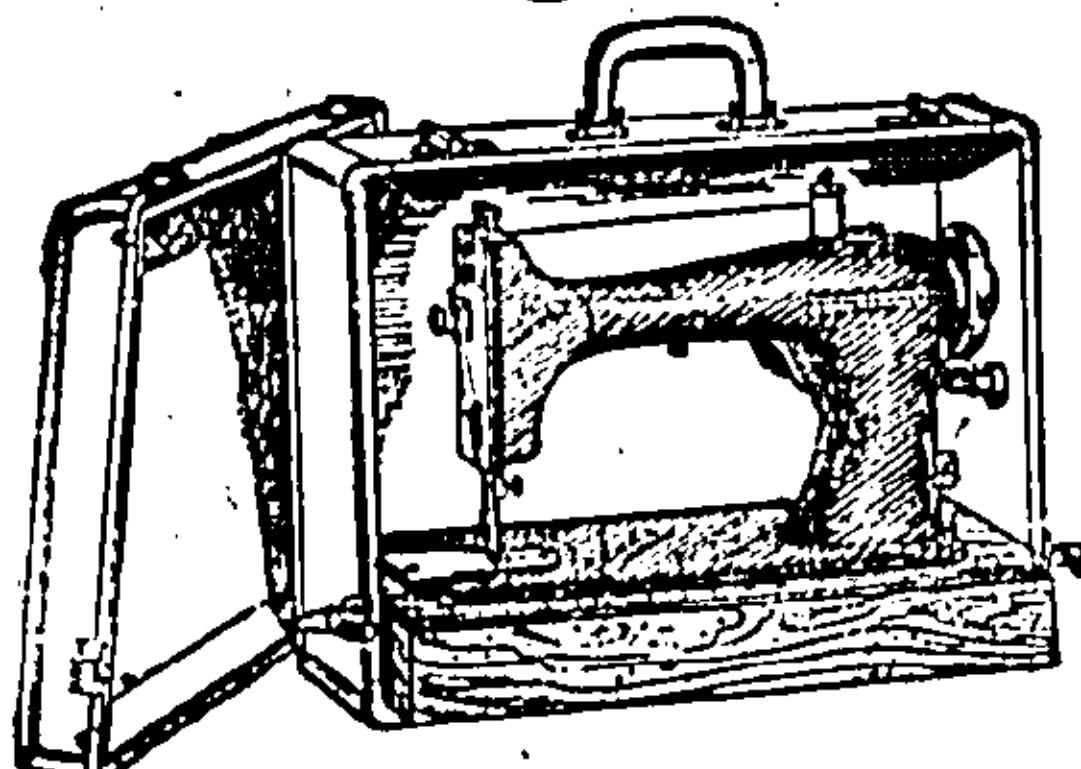
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Your character, interests and even your personality have changed. It's not enough to WISH you were as attractive as you want to be... you've got to go out after beauty. It's amazing the miracle a change of hair style, make-up or way of dressing will bring about.

Take this girl for instance. Her main beauty points were her eyes. They were large and very expressive but she didn't know how to draw attention to them. That eye-rolling didn't achieve anything but a comic effect and people who didn't know her better might have thought she was slightly well... you know.

First, young lady, you've got to accentuate those eyebrows of yours. The new look is for thick (but not too thick) shiny brows that give character and expression to a face.

Take a good look at any of the screen's glamour girls and you will see a slightly heavier eye-brow line. You still have to pay particular attention to the straggly hairs and this means plucking at least once a week.

For Your Lips

Next, that vivid hard lipstick doesn't help any. A paler shade while pandering to fashion, will make these eyes of your appear bigger. Subtle pinks and cyclamen-toned lipsticks are new and will help you to make the best of your best assets.

The fresh young thing wanted a fringe but wasn't sure if one would suit her. Well, you don't have to huck unmercifully at your crowning glory and then regret it until it grows. Instead, bring a lock of your back hair forward and try out the effect on your face. If it's becoming, go ahead and cut. No doubt! It's a far, far better thing to let your hair-dresser do the initial cutting—it may look easy but it isn't. The newest looking fringes are slightly curved and definitely smooth, so remember that when you visit your hairdresser.

For Your Nails

My nails just won't grow, she said. That usually means a shortage of calcium in your diet. So check up and see that you have plenty of milk, cheese, onion and turnips.

If the nails are fleshy and soft take a course of cod liver oil. It sets extra vitamin D. Paint your nails every day with colourless iodine and before going to bed put some castor oil on them.

The deep shade of nail varnish with the moons and tigs left unpainted doesn't help in giving any illusion of length, either. To match your lipstick, use a pale shade and cover the whole nail.

Her face was the type people call round and jolly, but she wasn't very jolly with it. The best thing for her to do is to refrain from wearing high round necks on her frocks. A slashing V-neck and hair sweeping away from the face should help a lot.

Hair parted on the side, and worn in a smooth drawn back page-boy is an attractive style.

This quite pleasant thirty-five decided quite early in her youth that because of her long thin face and features she was the Madonna type. So she parted her hair in the middle and wore a bang on the nape of her neck. That looked all right when she was young out now with time staggering forward she wants to keep youthful and attractive.

Well, first of all, madam, part your hair on the side and have it cut short and brushed up and



A striking striped suit by Dorville. The jacket, in navy Cordana, features the shorter, rounded line and is finished with contrasting yoke and cuffs. The skirt has unpressed, all-round pleats.



Dorville's yellow and black fine check wool suit, typical of the restrained lines of the new year's tailoring. Note the new high-roll collar, waisted jacket and swinging panel skirt.

wide. That short cut will make curves where there were angles before. Stop wearing those V-shaped necklines, because they only accentuate the length of your neck and the drooping lines of your face.

THE NEW LOOK PROFESSOR

Mrs. Madge Garland, fair-haired and ultra-hatted, walked into the academic atmosphere of the Royal College of Art, South Kensington, in the New Look with the title of "Professor of Fashion"—the first in history.

This new post, created by a college committee under the lively guidance of the young principal, Professor Robin Darwin, aims to teach the 18 students, whose parents have let them take the three-year fashion course, a very tempting theory.

It is: "To live in the world and not in college." "I want to get them out of college as much as possible," said Professor Garland, one-time editor of the glossy magazine *Vogue* and Fashion Adviser to the Board of Trade. She thinks that her new job will be the most exciting she has had yet.

A new house in Ennismore-gardens, South Kensington, away from the academic college atmosphere, has been given her.

There, in pink-washed rooms, tastefully decorated, students will be lectured not by teachers who, in Professor Garland's opinion, are useless for fashion, since they are not "in the racket."

The lecturers will be Britain's top-ranking designers—people like Norman Hartnell, Hardy Amies, and Victor Stiebel. For designers like Christian Dior, of New Look fame, will be more than welcome if they come over to England.

"It's no good cooping fashion students up in a college," said Professor Garland. "They must get out and look at people and see."

To Dress Shows

"I shall take them to dress shows—designers have even agreed to put on special shows for me—let them go to the stores and see how much merchandising and buying is done."

"After all, that's the world they'll all have to work in."

Professor Garland's fashion course will carry a diploma, presented by the Royal College of Art.

"It's the equivalent of a university degree. It won't be given just for fashion, but will be a general diploma," she said.

Sad blow to her was the death of a great friend, artist Aina Walton, after recommending her to the college committee for the post.

"I was offered the job on my way to America on a buying tour. I thought about it on the Queen Elizabeth for two days, then cabled that I'd take it," she told me.

She loves clothes and has always been brought up in the atmosphere of clothes, in fashionable Paris.

The New Look Professor is coy about her age. "I was the editor of *Vogue* in 1924," she says. "That places me good and proper, doesn't it?"

By Kathleen Lyon.

Ann Temple Chess Precocity

Although my son, aged seven, has had a set of chessmen for only three months, he is able to give his father a good game.

Are there many children as young who can play, and could you advise me how to further his efforts in the game? I really think he might one day be a fine chess player as he is always solving chess problems and studying new moves.—A. B.

Very few children of his age have this bent and ability and one can predict of the few that they will go to the top. Chess precocity is not like other brands. It does not peter out with childhood as do so many of the over-early displayed talents and skills.

Essentially all the master players showed signs of genius at a very early age. Capablanca was able to beat his father at the game long before he was ten.

Don't force him in any way and be careful to treat his chess as his hobby, but let him have his head. Get him into a chess atmosphere—meeting good players, giving him chess books for his birthdays, taking him to see tournaments. He seems to have a rare talent and you would be wise to nourish it.

I'm 30, living in digs, getting lonely, cynical, and depressed. I can't find anyone I want to fall in love with.

I admit I think of a girl who will make a good wife, but like to take a girl who is really smart and attractive. I suppose the answer is I shouldn't put such value on physical attractiveness.—ED.

Marriage won't cure you of loneliness, cynicism, and depression. Many in that state and you'll soon have your wife as depressed as yourself.

Then, I have a hunch you're not very discerning. Do you by any chance mistake stupidity for virtue and flashiness for good looks?

The girl who makes a good wife and the attractive girl needn't be two different girls.

You ought to have a change of job, change of environment, change of contacts, new interests. You've lost the idea of taking the challenge of living, getting something out of it yourself.

When you are not entirely dependent on feminine companionship you're at a much better vantage point to judge its quality—and you are more attractive in personality yourself.

Can I as a member of the family help in this case? A middle-aged husband, a senseless, simple-minded soul, a woman who is an adventurous and a bad type, an entirely satisfactory, loving little wife.

He has been overworking, has little leisure, leads a monotonous life, and probably fell for the brightness of this woman's companionship. He has a happy home, is very fond of his children, and does not realise what he is heading for.—ANXIOUS.

If you saw a blind man walking towards a precipice you would just naturally grab him and warn him. If you are sure this relative is walking into a trap you have to act on your own and tell him.

You might discover he wasn't blind after all. It remains right that you gave the warning. It's the only way. You act from honest interest.

Going about it in a roundabout way, such as telling the wife, makes bad worse.

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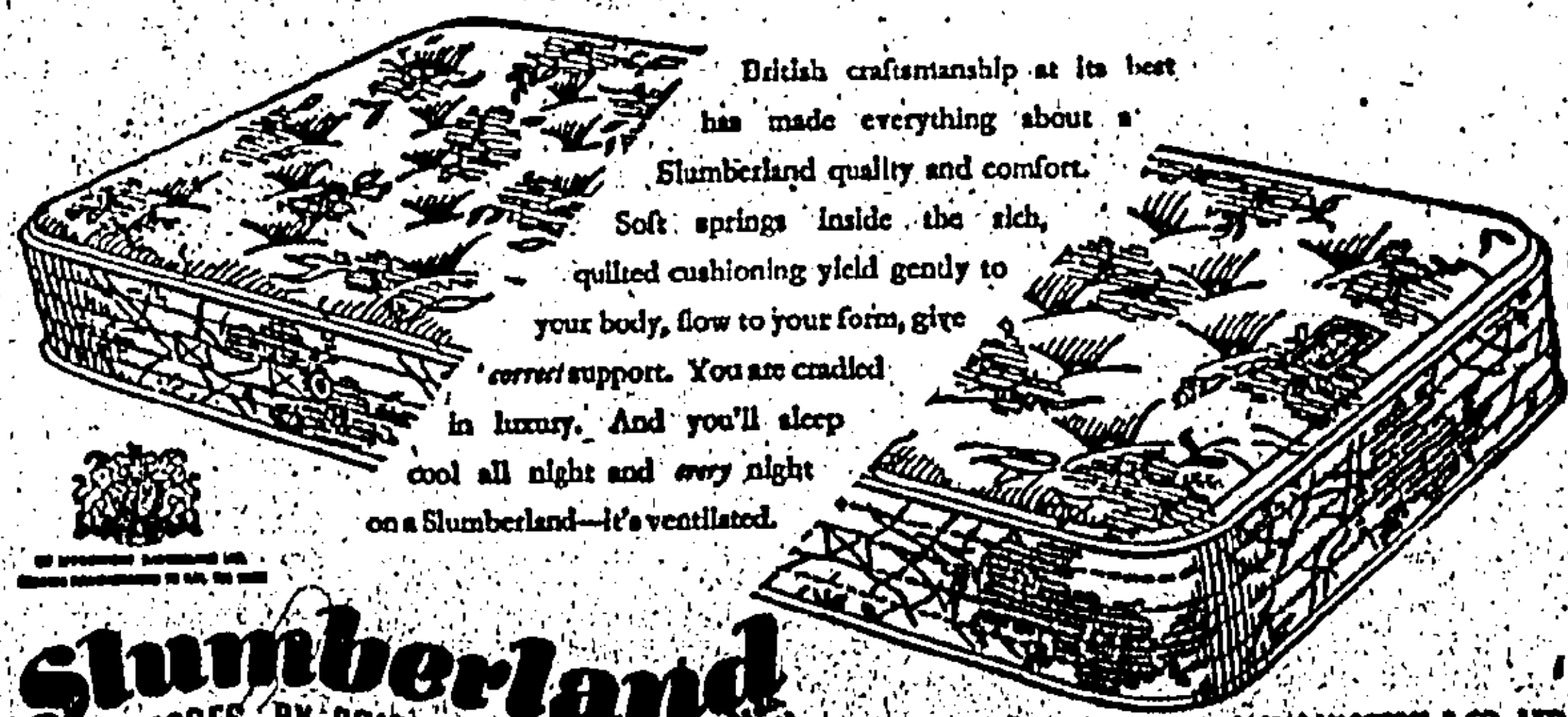


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"Democracy Must Get Rid Of Nationalism"

Attempt To Cut Line Frustrated

Singapore, November 2. The police on Monday frustrated a Communist attempt to cut the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore railway.

A Malay cyclist reported that the railway line had been tampered with near Kluang in Johore.

Police rushed to the scene and removed 14 slabs of gun cotton which were ready to be detonated.

The police announced that they killed one Chinese woman and two men who opened fire when a patrol approached a suspected Communist house in Selangor state.

Meanwhile, Communists raided a rubber estate in Johore state burning a rubber factory. In Pahang, Communists wounded two unarmed Chinese who were prominent members of the Kuomintang.—Associated Press.

Woman Charged As Deserter

Plymouth, November 1.

Stella Costello was at Plymouth today charged as Hilda Edith Hood, aged 24, housewife of Swansea, with being a deserter from the 137 Mixed Heavy AA Battery, Royal Artillery, since December, 1943. She pleaded guilty and was remanded to await escort. The inspector said that on Saturday at the close of the proceedings at the Quarter Sessions, he arrested her at the request of the military authorities.

The arrest was purely a matter of form, he said, as Hood would be taken back under escort and discharged through normal channels from the ATS almost immediately.—Reuter.

FAO HQ TO BE IN BANGKOK

Washington, November 2. Bangkok probably will be the site of the Far East office of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation. It was learned exclusively yesterday that this selection had been made, subject to confirmation at the FAO meeting beginning on November 15.

The conference is expected to agree to a recommendation that the Far East member nations site rotate every two years.—Associated Press.

American Killed For Robbery

Vienno, November 1. Irving Ross, the United States Marshall Plan official found battered to death with a rifle butt in the Russian zone just outside Vienna last night, was believed by observers here today to have been murdered for robbery and not for political reasons.

The observers based this belief on facts such as the finding of an almost empty wallet in the road some distance from Ross' car and an identity card some 15 metres from the car, plus the stealing of the wheels and other car fixtures.

The belief has not yet been confirmed officially. No official American communiqué on the case was expected today.

The Russians today refused two official American requests to see an Austrian girl who was with Ross when, police said, uniformed and armed Russians stopped his car and ordered him to drive as directed.

The girl was named officially today as Anna Superina instead of Anna Sutkekin as previously reported. The Austrian police said she was beaten and thrown out of the car. She is now critically ill in hospital.

In refusing the repeated attempt by the Americans to visit Miss Superina the Russians maintained she was too ill to see anyone.

Ordered Off

Reuters learned from an authoritative source tonight that she was suffering from bayonet wounds as well as bruises. Ross, according to the reports of an international patrol, was also stabbed three times in the face as well as having the whole back of his head battered in. The patrol, called in by the Austrian police, were allowed to go to the scene of the murder, although it is outside the bounds of Vienna city. They found a large black car of which the hood had been lifted, all the wires torn out from the engine and all wheels removed. It was stated

London, November 1. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer Economic Co-ordinator, suggested in the Commons today that the Democratic nations should become less nationalistic in outlook. Democracy would fail, he said, if it remained static and unbending in its isolationist insistence on unqualified nationalist policies.

He stressed the need of economic co-operation in restoring the economy of Western Europe and internal sabotage by Cominform agents.

"Our policy must be to knit together the economy of Western European nations with vast areas in other parts of the world which fall within the same monetary systems so that upon such a structure we can base a power and authority which will stand firm and unflinching against the aggression of any other force in the world."

Amid cheers, he added "That is the true key to our own independence and our own safety. It is encouraging to note that the other nations of the Commonwealth share with us the need for and the wisdom of such a policy."

Sir Stafford Cripps was resuming the debate on the Government's legislative programme for the new Parliamentary session.

"It is only by economic co-operation that we shall be able to improve the lot of our own people," he said.

No Doubts

"Co-operation is not only the means to overcome our own difficulties arising out of war-time destruction, but also to combat the chaos-producing tactics of the Cominform Fifth Columns, which are today so active in all the democratic countries."

After reviewing the economic state of Britain, Sir Stafford stated: "If we persist with the same singleness of purpose and determination that we have shown during and since the war, we need have no doubts as to our capacity to win through in the course of the next two or three years to a position of economic independence and to the possibility of increasing the standards of living and happiness."

Other points that Sir Stafford Cripps made.

Any further substantial increase in expenditure on defence would make it necessary to reconsider the whole of the country's economic programme.

The voluntary limitation on dividends had, on the whole, been faithfully observed and business was in that way making its contribution.

Gold Payments

The response of the wage-earners for stability of wages had also been extremely encouraging.

London, November 1.

Both the wage and price index in the last seven months has risen only two points—a great improvement on what was happening before.

Dealing with the European payments scheme, Sir Stafford said that Britain might have to continue to make gold payments to Belgium and Switzerland.

"Nevertheless, a great part of the difficulties are removed, so far as Sterling is concerned. We believe that we have removed the whole of the difficulties of others who were suffering from a shortage of Sterling."

Mr. Ellis Smith (Labour), who was formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, said that Mr. Churchill had more

East-West Battle On Atom Control

Paris, November 1.

An East-West battle on the critical issue of atomic energy control was forecast for the day after the Presidential elections in the United States when the United Nations called a plenary session for Wednesday.

The session will begin a few short hours after the election returns reach here and when, perhaps, it has been decided whether Mr. George Marshall or Mr. John Foster Dulles will guide American foreign policy. Delegates here did not expect any great deviation in American policy regardless of who wins the election. Both Mr. Marshall and Mr. Dulles are returning to Paris tonight.

Mr. Marshall held a series of conferences with British officials in London and Mr. Dulles visited Copenhagen and Stockholm.

At its Wednesday session, the Assembly will debate the resolution on atomic energy adopted by the Political Committee over Russian protests. The resolution calls for the Big Five powers and Canada to consult on whether there is any possibility of agreement on atomic energy control and to report back to the next General Assembly.

Russia maintained that machinery for working out control already exists in the Atomic Energy Commission and that outside consultations are not needed.

Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, who argued the atomic case for the Soviet Union, may speak before the Wednesday session. Mr. Warren Austin will speak for the United States.

Ironical Resolution

The atomic energy resolution was approved by the 58-nation Political Committee by 41 votes against six with ten abstentions and is expected to pass the Assembly by a similar margin.

Ironically, the General Assembly's agenda for Wednesday includes the addition of the American resolution on atomic energy, calling for the big powers to settle their differences and work on peace treaties with Germany and Japan.

The next big post-election test of American foreign policy will be on Thursday, when the Security Council will meet on the Palestine problem. Before the Council will be a resolution ordering the Jewish and Arab forces to go back to their lines early in October, depriving the Jews of

Brake Failure Killed 15

Casablanca, November 2. Fifteen were killed yesterday when the trolley on which they were riding plunged into a ravine after its brakes failed. The vehicle was carrying 25 passengers in addition to several tons of grain. Several other passengers were seriously injured.—Associated Press.

US Miracle

Mr. Smith added: "He is now the equivalent of an international incendiary. He no longer speaks for Britain."

Sir Arthur Salter (Independent) said that the greatest asset to all free peoples of the world at this moment is the "miracle of American productive expansion under the impetus of freedom and economic enterprise."

He added that the United States is giving Marshall Aid "which is a matter of life and death in the recovery of Europe," without discrimination between Socialists and non-Socialists.—Reuter.

BRIBERY ALLEGATION AGAINST MINISTER

London, November 1.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, Attorney-General, promised "every assistance in quite relentlessly and quite ruthlessly investigating" allegations of bribery and corruption against Ministers and civil servants.

He was speaking at the first sitting today of the special tribunal of inquiry.

After a 35-minute discussion of procedural matters, the tribunal adjourned until November 15 when it will begin to hear evidence.

Today's preliminary session, held in a small King's Bench Division court room in the Royal Courts of Justice, opened in a glare of publicity such as seldom attends the solemn judicial procedure in England.

Thirty photographers crowded around the entrance to the Law Court in the rain waiting to snap the members of the tribunal, the Attorney-General and King's Counsel representing the persons involved in the inquiry.

Members of the public, some just curious, some law students, and a few with a personal interest in the inquiry, arrived early to line up for the 32 seats in the public gallery close to the ceiling of the sombre, 60 by 40 foot court room.

Scores of reporters overflowed the tiny press gallery, filling the jury box and adjacent seats.

Alleged Bribery

The tribunal was established last week by Parliament after Mr. Clement Attlee (Prime Minister), speaking in the Commons last Wednesday, had set forth the allegations which involve, among others, Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

In his statement, Mr. Attlee said that last August the President of the Board had been informed of charges that Mr. Belcher and other Ministry officials had been offered, or had received, bribes in respect of the withdrawal of a prosecution against a certain firm of football pool betting promoters, and in respect of the allocation of paper to the same firm.

GERMANY ON THE PHONE

Berlin, November 1. Telephone links between Germany and India, Ceylon, Pakistan, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand, cut off on the outbreak of war, were restored today.—Reuter.

Turkey Watching Her Defences

Ankara, November 1.

President Ismet Inonu of Turkey told the new session of Parliament which he opened here today: "We are collaborating with all peace-loving democracies, our ally Great Britain, and our close friend, the United States of America, first and foremost."

Turkey sincerely desired her relations with Soviet Russia to be good but there were no new developments to report.

The President reiterated Turkey's support for the United Nations and the Marshall Plan, and said that world events had strengthened the country's resolve to watch over her national defence.

The help in war material, given by the United States and friendly governments was strengthening Turkey's armed forces with modern equipment and was ensuring their development by systematic installation.

"Turkey, which is making a real effort towards the establish-

ment of world peace, working within the measure of her possibilities to ensure stability in the Middle East, is also taking all eventualities into consideration and is showing the necessary watchfulness to safeguard her territorial integrity and to keep the national structure strong against any kind of aggression," President Inonu said.

Relations with France were good and particular value was attached to the development of friendly relations with Italy. "Our friendly relations with our neighbours, Persia, Afghanistan and the States of the Arab League are developing in a satisfactorily sincere atmosphere."—Reuter.

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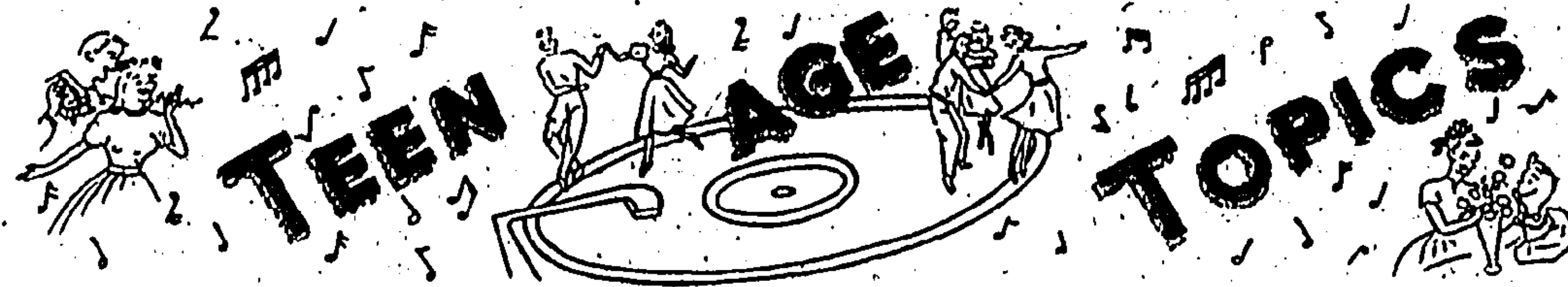
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Editorial

You all seemed to have caught
on to the idea of the personalities
contest, judging from the record
number of correct entries re-
ceived. I am only sorry that I am
unable to award each a prize.

The three winners this week
were the first three letters to be
opened. This, I agree, is not a
perfect method, as some of you
can only depend on the mail to
carry your entries in.

In future contests therefore,
each entry must be marked
COMPETITION, and these will
not be opened until 8 o'clock on
Friday, the closing time. I will
then open the envelopes and the
first three correct ones will be the
prizewinners.

This, I believe, is the best and
fairest way, but if you should
have a better system, send it in
and we may use it. And don't
forget, your entry must be accom-
panied by your name, address and
AGE.

I have not yet received any of
the contributed competitions
mentioned in last week's issue. I
am also waiting for your own
personality write-ups.

ANSWERS

The answers to last week's
contest: 1. Chan Chun-nam; 2.
Aileen Reynolds; 3. Nicola
Penluna; 4. Joan Bradbury; 5.
Mrs. Newell.

PEN FRIEND WANTED

Leo Hall, aged 18, is fond of
writing and is anxious to have
someone in Hong Kong with
whom he may correspond.

His interests are various and
pen friends may contact him at
156 Belchers Street, 1st floor,
Hong Kong.

Platter Chatter

Writing editorially in the Me-
tronome, George Simon stated he
could not remember having heard
more bad platters than those
turned out since the recording
ban.

While the ban was on very few
of the top artists had the good
sense and courage of Bing Crosby
to refuse to wax unless he was
provided with good orchestral
backing.

The mad rush to get as many
records as possible to serve be-
fore the Petrillo edict, resulted in
half-baked arrangements played
by under-rehearsed bands.

It is therefore a relief to read
the news item in the "China
Mail" giving the information
that the ban has been lifted. And
now that the lid is off let us hope
there will not be a haphazard
rush to mass produce.

A good deal more selectivity
and a little less duplication of
others' ideas will give the trade a
much needed stimulus. Our local
record retailers can also show
more discrimination and business
sense by offering the public what
it likes and not what the trade
wants to sell.

There are already quite a num-
ber of new tunes tucked away
awaiting the end of prohibition,
but the American artist rarely
goes to London in his search for
new ballads. The enterprising
leader or singer will find some
surprisingly good melodies in the
British shows.

Bless the Bride has the catchy
I Was Never Kissed Before, and
at least two songs could be select-
ed from the score of Bob's Your
Uncle. I found Carissima one of
the most pleasant surprises of the
London season and here again
the competent jazz arranger and
ballad singer will find suitable
material.

The Wren.

Personality

Patricia Bowes is Canadian.
She comes from Windsor, Ontario,
Canada, where she was born 19
years ago on October 1.

Pat is here in Hong Kong on a
short visit to her parents before
returning to the Philippines to
work until next year, when she
will be going back, to Canada to
further her studies.

The Bowes family travelled a
good deal about the Dominion,
arriving at Toronto in 1943. Pat
entered High School there, mat-
riculating in 1947 just before the
family came out to Hong Kong.

"Since I can remember, I have
always been keen on fine arts.
But as I grew older and came to
know more, Occupational Therapy
began to interest me, more so,
when I saw the disabled servicer-
men returning home from the
war.

"For the past year, I was un-
decided upon the career of either
arts or the study of this fascinat-
ing and humane science. When I
arrived at Hong Kong last
August, my parents arranged for
me to enter the University of the
Philippines, Manila."

"For a whole year I studied Art
and this has decided for me that
Occupational Therapy is my job,"
she said.

"Pat, a charming, softly spoken
teenager is at the same time
very critical—particularly of her-
self. "I do not think my work
in art is at all satisfactory. Not
at least, to the standard which I
had hoped for."

"Of course I would like to
marry and have a home of my
own some day. But that will not
be until I am in the 20's. I do
not think any girl should marry
before they are well out of the
teens."

"There is no work on earth
that can harmfully interfere with
marriage. Of course a woman
has to put away her career tem-
porarily when the children come.
But after the kids have grown
up, she can once again fall back
on her career."

"I believe that every girl, early



PATRICIA BOWES

In marriage, should work. The
reasons are many. The main one
being that her man is usually
starting on his own in the world."

Pat is very versatile in outdoor
activities. In High School in
Toronto, she played basketball,
softball, volleyball and even
baseball. She misses her lac-
skating very much. Tennis is her
main sport.

Pat finds the boys in Hong
Kong "over correct and polite"
compared to the boys at home
"who are more at ease and nat-
ural," adding, "the ones I have
met in Hong Kong seem to me
highly sophisticated, and more
serious in their conversation."

"I like the company of boys
just as much as I do our own. I
have no preference.

"I think that all this chatter
about the 'mysterious females' is
just false—our kind is no more
difficult to understand than the
male is."

Patricia will soon be going back
to Manila where she will be
working until the Canadian
College year begins when she
has planned to return home
to start on her Occupational
Therapy career.

Contest

What has happened to the
boys. Out of nearly 40 entries
to last week's contest, I could
only count four from them and
they were terribly late in com-
ing in although their answers
were all correct. Let's hope that
they are more active this week.

Winners were: Socorro Rod-
riguez, (\$10), c/o Shewan Tomes
& Co. Ltd.; Elizabeth Dorab, (\$5),
St. Joseph's Bldg., block B, 2nd
floor; and Jacqueline de Sousa,
(\$4), 16, Village Road, top floor.
The prizes will be in the mail
today.

Here is this week's contest.
When sending your answers,
don't forget your name, address
and age. And if you are mailing
your entries in, post them early
on Friday morning or they will
not reach me at five o'clock that
evening when the entries close.
The prizes this week will be
\$5, \$3, and \$2.

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producing, you can find out if
your voice is hard in tone or too
highly pitched; whether you speak
too quickly, or have a tiresome
drawl.

All these faults can be corrected
by a little concentration and
patience.

Modulate your voice and try
not to talk in slang or to abbrevi-
ate words. But do be careful.
In your efforts to obtain a pleasing
voice, not to mar your natural
pronunciation by one of those
awful "refined" accents. And no
matter how many American films
you attend, please don't try to
talk with an American accent if
you are British.

Merrily.

SUSIE



"Gee, Susie, you were right! They
do dress up for these beach club
dances!"

Teen Talk

I read the Topics every week
and enjoy it very much. My
friends and I hope that the
Topics will one day take up a
whole page.

Eileen Lim

Your Teen Age Topics are good
enough for me at the moment,
but I do hope that in a month's
time, the Topics will be occupying
a full page.

Chung Au.

I wish to support the readers of
your weekly Teen Age Topics on
the proposition of forming a
Hong Kong Teen Age Club.

I think that it is a very good
idea for all teen agers in Hong
Kong to meet one another in per-
son, and am anxiously looking
forward to seeing this Club
formed.

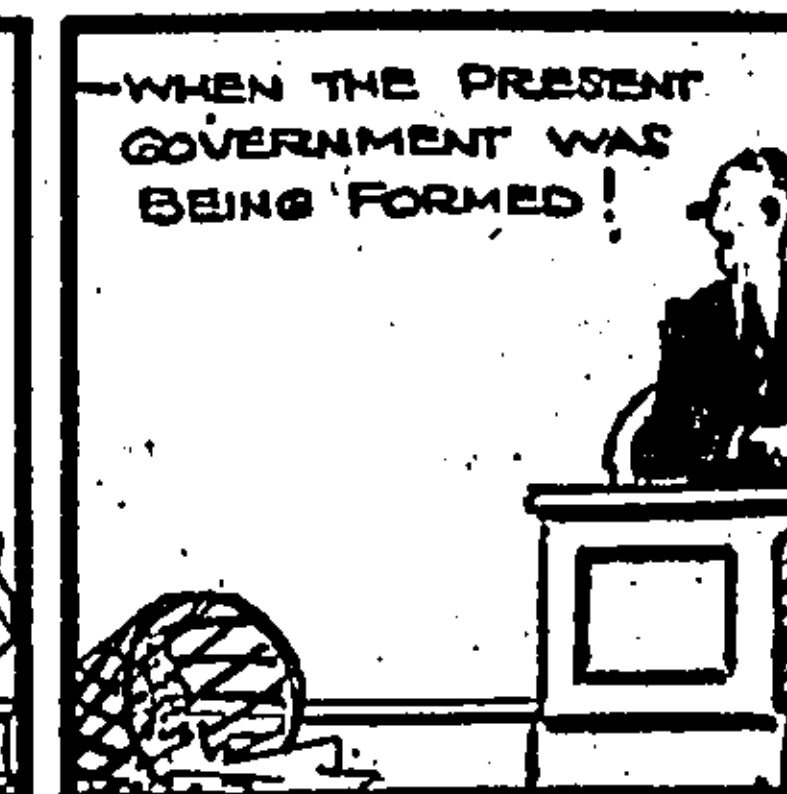
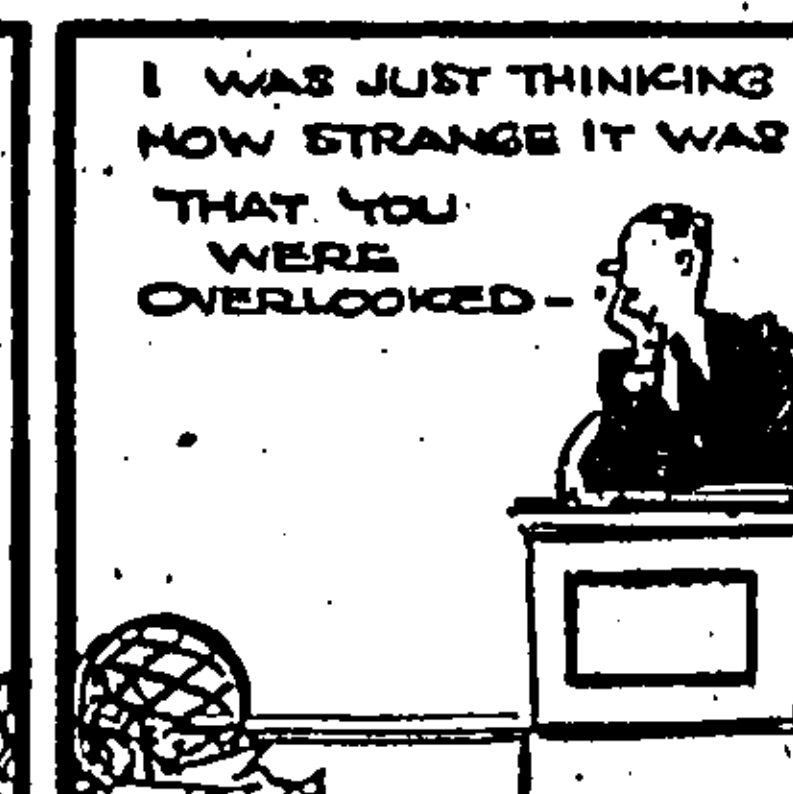
Stardust.

Your Teen Age Topics have
attracted me very much and I
have enjoyed every issue that
came out.

The Topics give us news and
information about other teen agers
in Hong Kong of whom we would
otherwise know very little about.
I hope you will continue
publishing the personality column,
which I think is the most interest-
ing feature of the Topics.

Dorcen Houghton.

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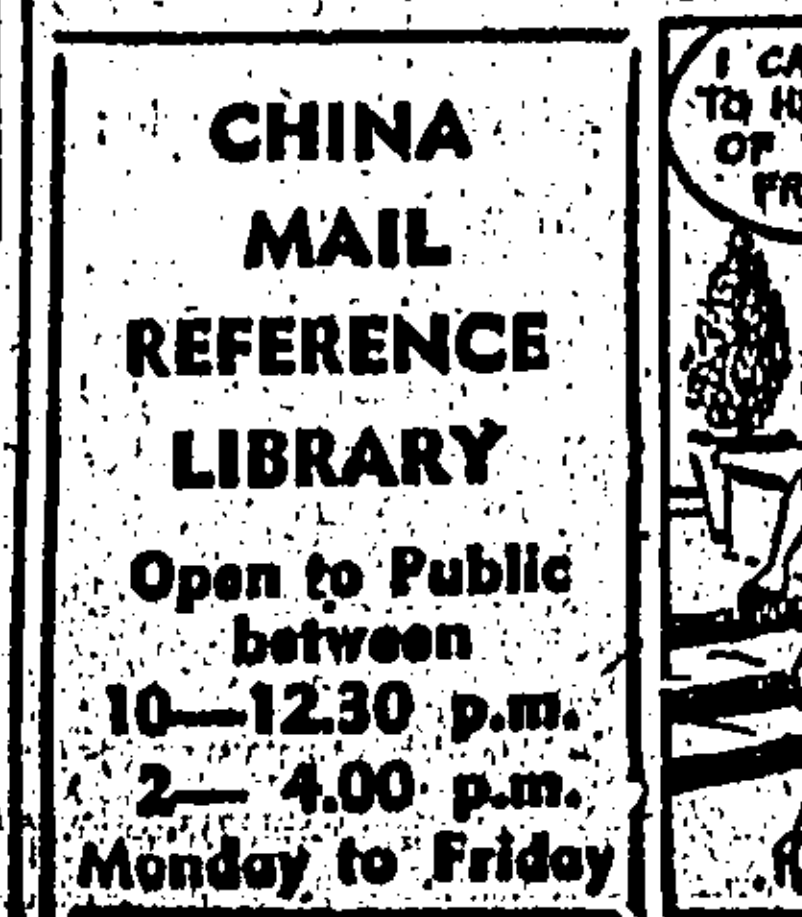
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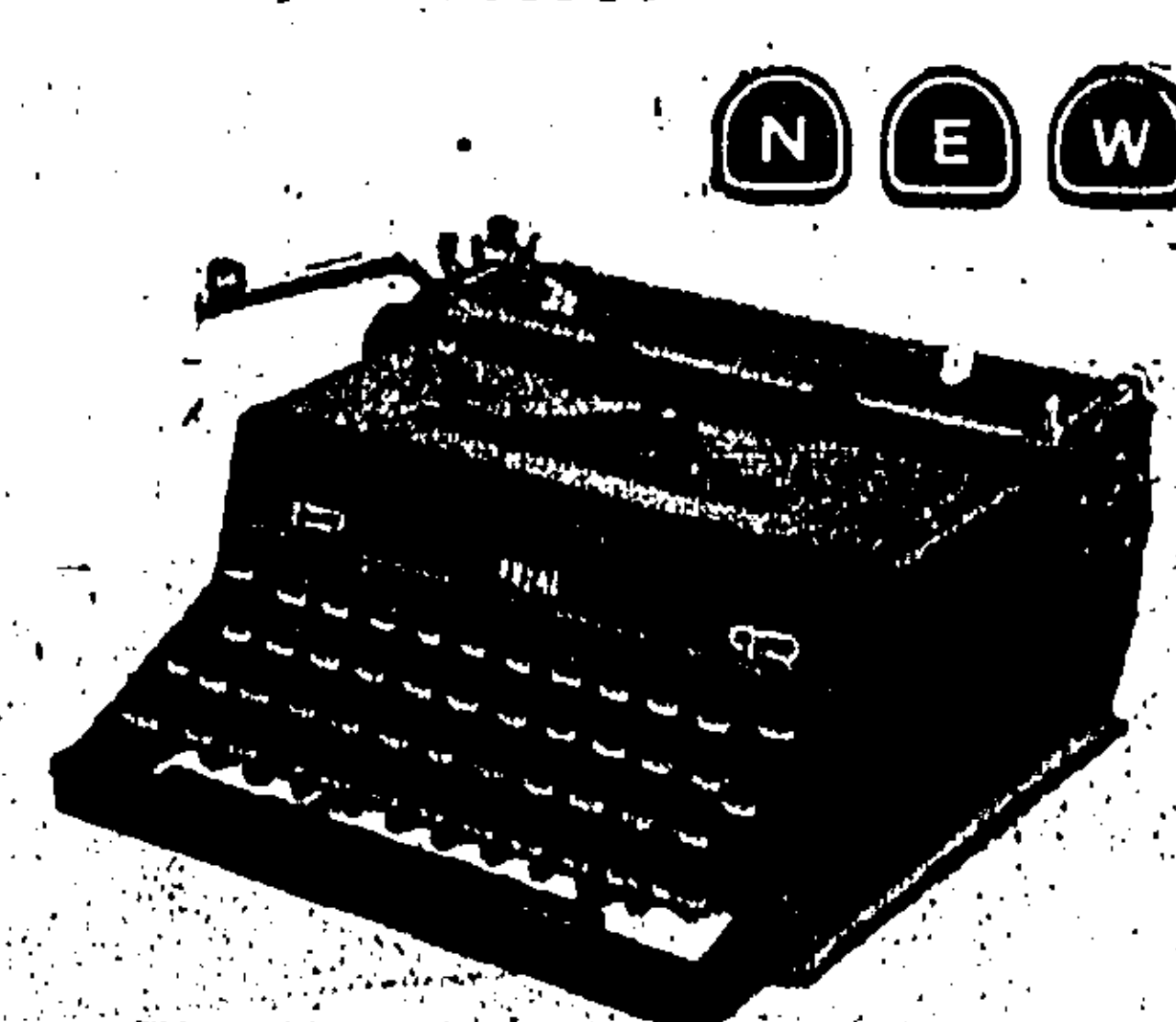
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Queues at the Star ferry entrance.



Busy ticket offices at Kowloon railway station.



The Peak tram is crowded in the morning.

HONG KONG GOES TO WORK...

It is a busy morning in Hong Kong. The streets are filled with people going to work. The tramcars are crowded, and the ferries are full. The city is alive with the sounds of the morning rush.



Cars parked in Connaught Road Central.



The constant procession on to the ferries.



Inside Kowloon railway station.



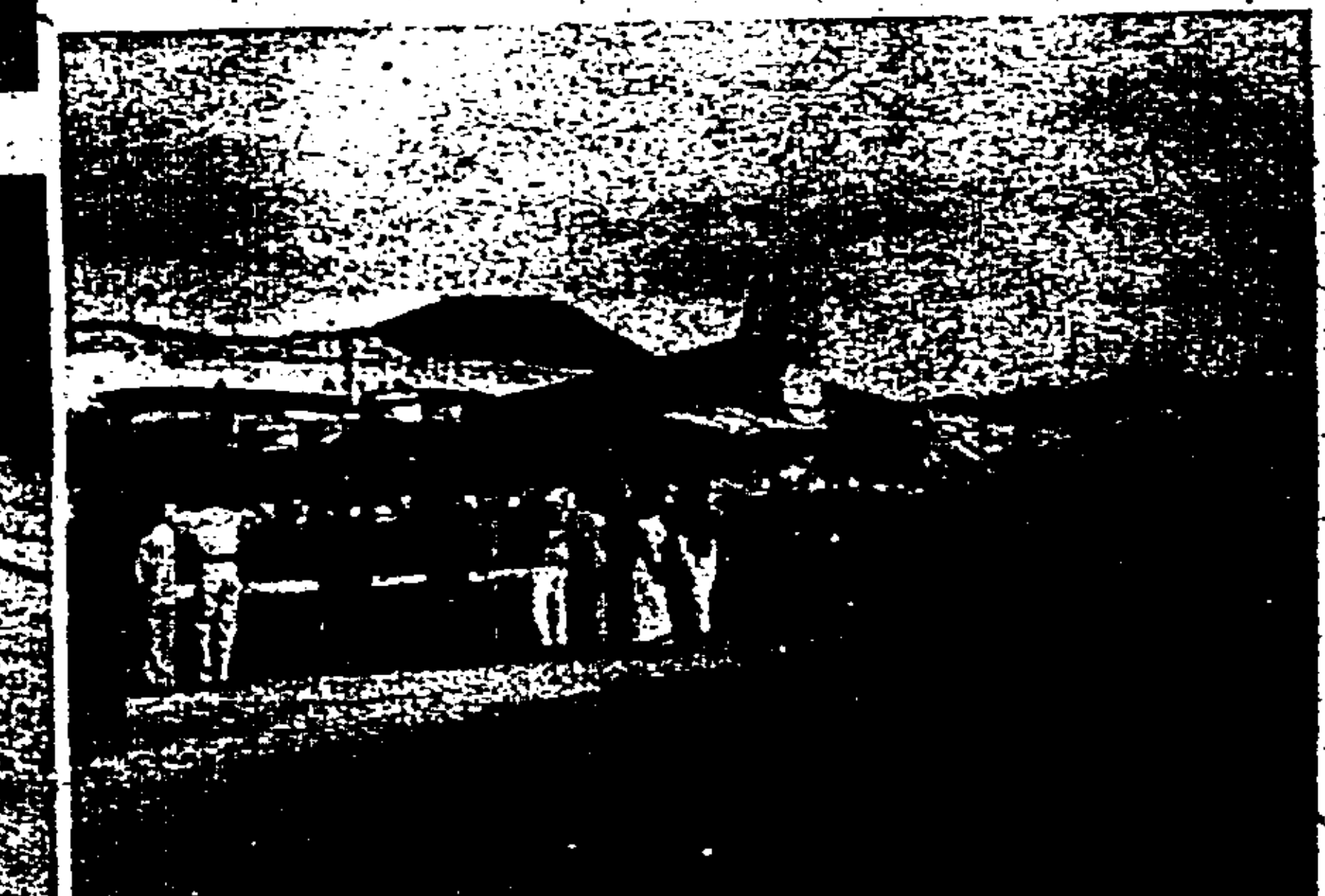
Pedal bicycles carry passengers and baggage.



A heavy load is hoisted on to a porter.



Sedan chairs still play on Peak roads.



Big four-engined planes are common at Kai Tak.



Busy street entrance of the Star Ferry.



Some cross the harbour by motor launch.



Outside the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.



Rickshaws are still a feature of Hong Kong.



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It is a busy morning in Hong Kong. The city is waking up and the workers are heading to their jobs. The streets are filled with people and the air is filled with the sounds of the city.



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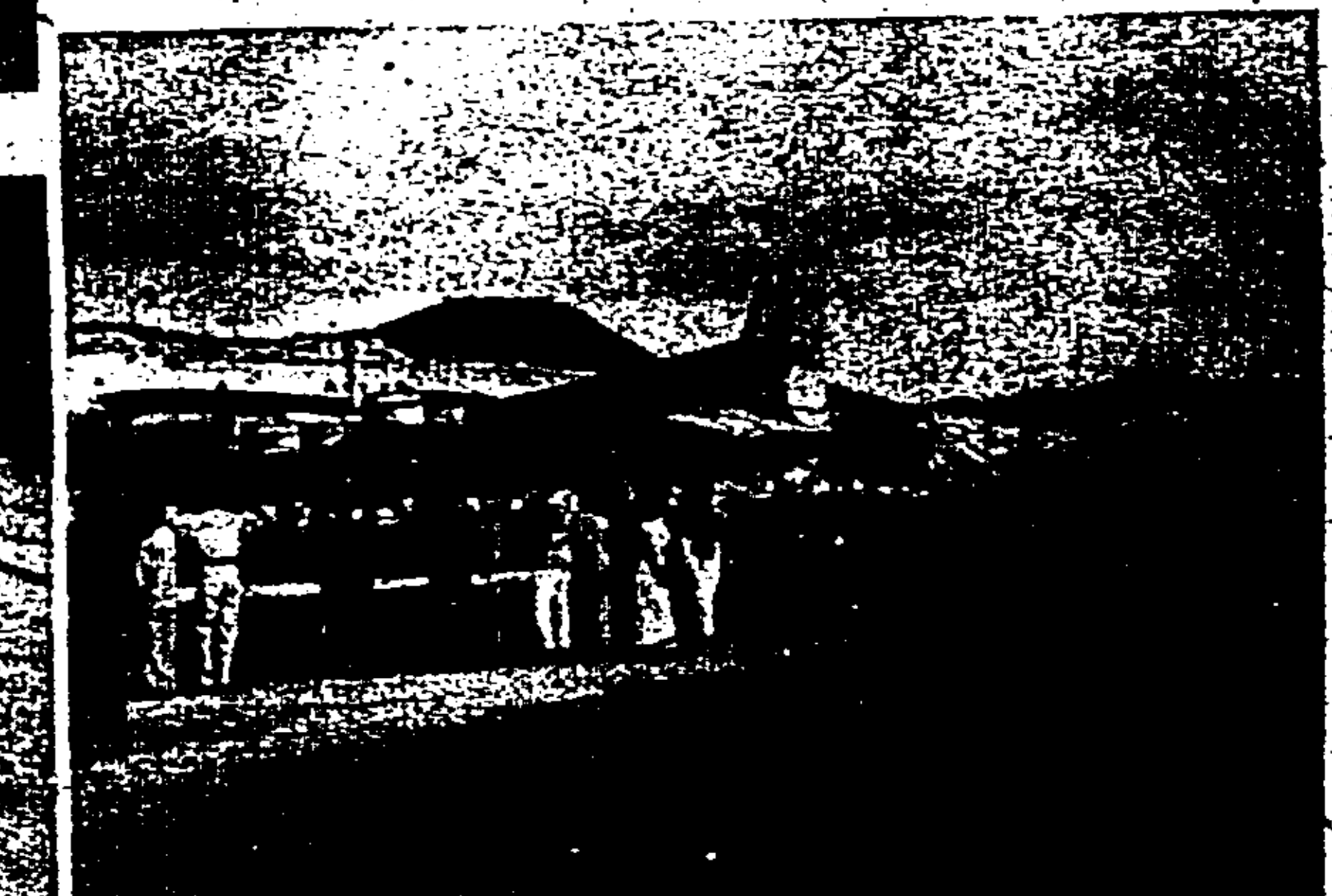
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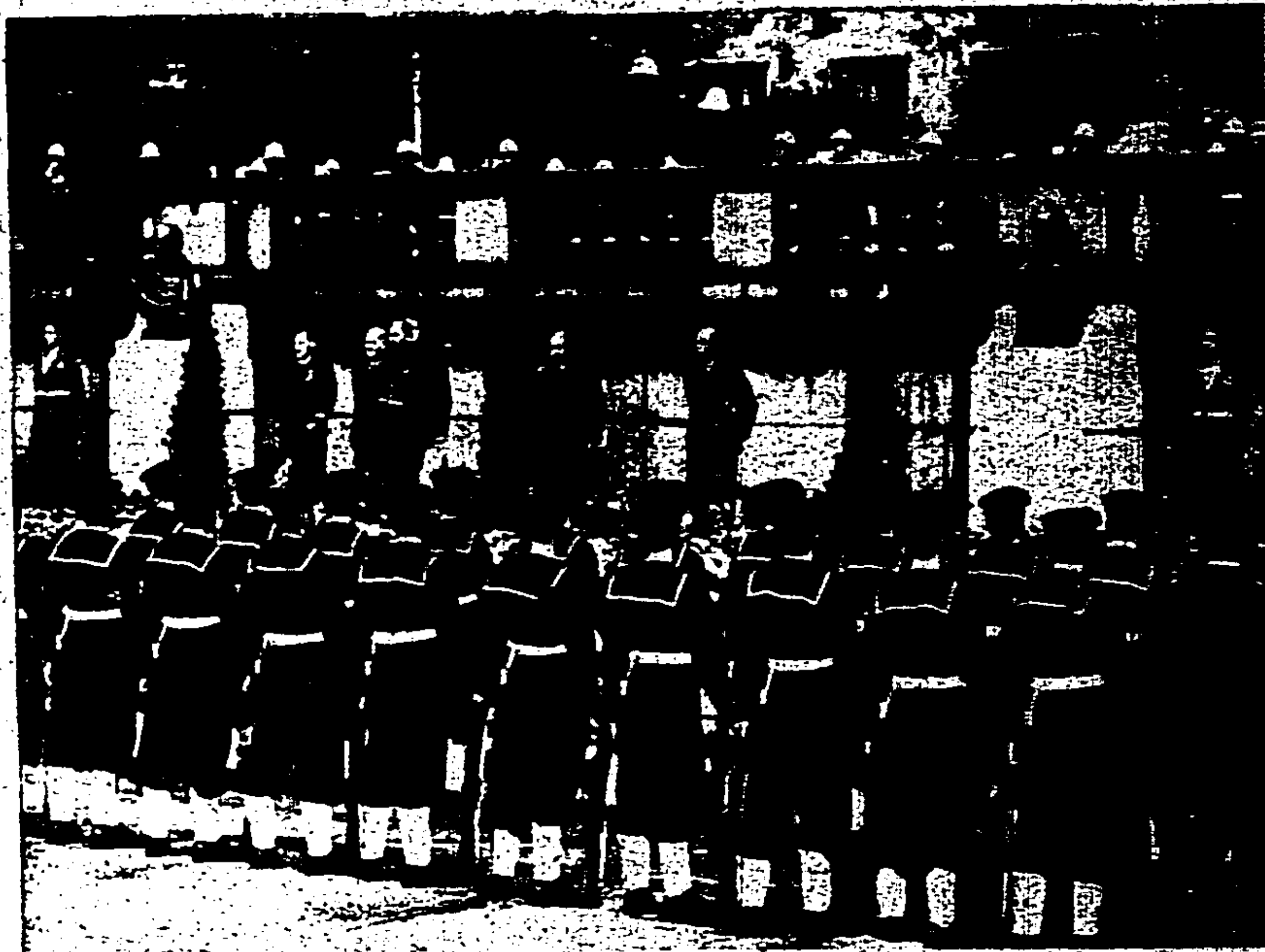


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JELlicoe AND BEATTY JOIN NELSON

Trafalgar Day, was marked in London by a ceremony at the base of Nelson's Column; when busts of Admirals of the Fleet Lord Jellicoe and Lord Beatty, were unveiled by the Duke of Gloucester (holding papers). (Associated Press)

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, in the picture below is making his opening speech during the session of the first post-war Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held at Westminster Hall, London, on October 19. (Associated Press)

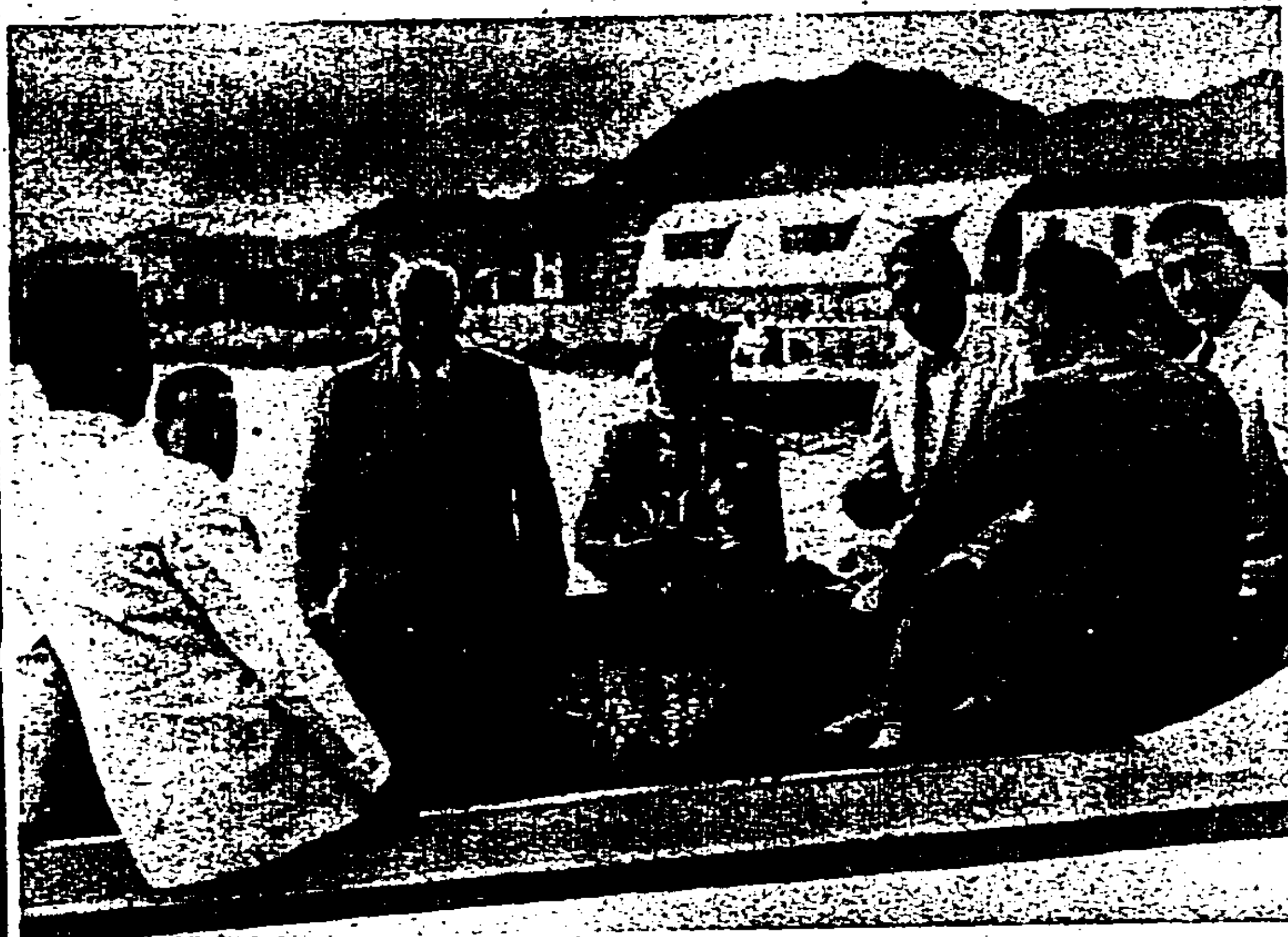


London's most fashionable recent wedding was celebrated at St. Margaret's, Westminster, when Lady Margaret Egerton, was married to Mr. John Colville. The bride is Lady in waiting to Princess Elizabeth. The groom is the Princess's private secretary. Princess Margaret was among the bridesmaids. (Associated Press)

Popular figure among the royal guests at the wedding of Lady Margaret Egerton and Mr. John Colville, was the 81-year-old Queen Mother. (Associated Press)



Lord Killeen, former British Special Commissioner in South East Asia, returns to Hong Kong after his visit to Dr. T.V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung. He also called on the Mayor of the Kwangtung capital. ("China Mail" photo)



Sir Harold Hartley, Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, and Lady Hartley, on their arrival in the Colony. Sir Harold is making a tour of BOAC stations on its routes to the Far East and Australia. ("China Mail" photo)



A cocktail party was held in the Union Jack Club on October 23 to celebrate the Eighth Army re-union. The G.O.C. is photographed addressing a group of members. ("China Mail" photo)



British troops pictured at the entrance of a captured camp of Communist insurgents in the Taikong-Semenyih area of Malaya. A prisoner squats in the centre wearing handcuffs. (Associated Press)



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ATLANTIC DEFENCE PACT DISCUSSIONS

London, November 1.

Threat To Destroy Rice Crop

Rangoon, November 2.
Burma's Red and White Flag Communist Parties in the rice growing delta district of Pynon are threatening to destroy the new paddy crop due to be harvested this month.

The Communists are also threatening to prevent the transport of rice to the port for export. The Communists are demanding that the farmers allow them to reap the harvest for their own needs.

Rebels in the mid-Western Nyungyan district on Monday attacked the hospital at Natogyi and looted the town's medical supplies, a military communiqué stated.

In Rangoon, the Burmese press reported that members of the Criminal Investigation Department and the Special Police Branch decided at a meeting here to resign if the Government does not accede to their demands for the restoration of pre-war allowances.

The C.I.D. and the Special Branch of the Police would form Special Committees to protect Burma's citizens. — Associated Press.

Preparations for an early meeting to discuss the project of an Atlantic defence pact have gone forward smoothly behind the scenes on this side of the Atlantic.

Diplomatic observers here believe that no meeting of the prospective Atlantic defence union powers is likely to be called until after the results of the American elections are known.

Some time will have to elapse for the new Administration to take its bearings on major international problems. A meeting of the seven powers concerned was undoubtedly discussed recently in Paris, however, with Washington as the most likely meeting place and with an unspecified date early in the New Year tentatively in mind.

The interested parties are the United States, Canada, Britain, France and the three Benelux countries.

In the meantime, the permanent commission of the Western Union has been given the task of co-ordinating the Western Union end of the preparations for the coming negotiations for the Atlantic Union.

Under Review

The purely defence aspects of an Atlantic Pact are under constant review in the joint American-Canadian-Western Union Permanent Commission in Washington and in the Permanent Military Committee of the Western Union in London.

The present task of the Permanent Commission, it is believed, is to produce a joint draft for the terms of the Atlantic Union, which the Western Union would agree to support collectively at any meeting with Canada and the United States.

This draft, observers understand, will be produced soon by a deadline agreed by the Foreign Ministers of the Western Union in Paris.

It could then be submitted without delay to the new Administration in Washington and to the Canadian Government.

Final Step

At that point a decision could be taken on calling a meeting of all the interested powers, which would represent the final formal step towards the conclusion of the pact.

It is now regarded in London as virtually certain that the eventual adherence of countries falling geographically within the framework of an Atlantic Union has been accepted in principle by Washington and Ottawa and the five Western Union Powers.

Whether such countries as Portugal, Eire and the Scandinavian group would be invited to attend the preliminary discussions with the seven powers or not is one of the decisions which still have to be taken before any date or place are finally fixed for the first meeting. — Reuter.

Diamond Smuggler Was Given Away

Manila, November 2.

Philippine investigators disclosed today how the smuggling of diamonds from Bangkok to the Philippines on board an American Embassy plane came to light.

National Bureau of Investigation authorities said a Filipino claimant for the jewels appeared at Clark Air Force base, 50 miles north of Manila, when the Embassy plane arrived early last month. This would-be recipient complained to the 13th Air Force authorities when an American sergeant failed to hand over a package of gems entrusted to him in Siam.

The sergeant, who is now in custody and facing court martial,

is asserted to have told the Philippine recipient that he learned the plane and its passengers were the be searched for smuggled valuables. Thereupon the sergeant was said to have thrown the gems into the sea, hiding a few stones on his person and in the plane.

These diamonds have been recovered. Chagrined at what he believed to be a double-cross, the Filipino then reported the matter to the Air Force authorities.

The American sergeant faces prosecution by the United States because the offence took place on American territory.

Investigators believed that his statement would provide clues in running down a Filipino jewel smuggling ring. — Associated Press.

Airlift In The Fog

Berlin, November 1.

Berlin airlift planes, flying blind through heavy fog, made radar-controlled landings at the rate of one every four minutes at the British-controlled Gatow airport today.

The American-controlled Tempelhof airport, however, was closed to all traffic.

"Tempelhof is completely enclosed by high buildings which throw their reflection to the radar screen and make flying extremely dangerous," a Royal Air Force spokesman said.

The first of 40 barges with food and coal for Berlin returned to Hamburg today after being held by the Russians at Wittenberg on the Elbe since June 24 when the blockade of the capital caught them.

The remainder had this morning passed the British Zonal border. Their food cargoes had mostly gone bad. — Reuter.

Britain Will Not Leave Germany

London, November 1.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told the House of Commons today that Britain does not contemplate evacuating Germany.

Mr. Raymond Blackburn (Labour) had asked whether the remarks on October 27 of the British Military Governor in Germany, General Sir Brian Robertson, advocating Allied evacuation of Germany on certain conditions represented the Government's policy.

Mr. Mayhew replied: "No. In replying to the question put to him on this subject, the

Military Governor made it quite clear that he was expressing an opinion on a purely hypothetical question which would have to be carefully considered."

Mr. Blackburn said that he thought the General's statement was "a grave blunder." Any idea of evacuation of Germany would be a betrayal of millions of Europeans, he added.

Mr. Frank Beswick (Labour) thought evacuation under proper safeguards would be a sensible solution.

Mr. Blackburn retorted, amid opposition cheers, "If we were to evacuate, would it not make Germany a prey to Communist aggression?"

Mr. Mayhew commented: "We are not of course, contemplating evacuation." — Reuter.

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No Change In UK Attitude Towards Spain

London, November 2.
Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Britain's Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons today that "no change has been or is contemplated" in Britain's policy towards Spain.

"I have stated many times that Spain has been outlawed by the United Nations and we are perfectly consistent in applying this policy," he declared. — Associated Press.

Getting Down To Business

London, November 1.

Mr. John Strachey, Food Minister, said tonight that he believed that "get down to business" was the one relationship which it might be possible to have with Russia today.

He was answering Opposition criticism in the House of Commons of the Government's policy in trading with Russia while the "cold war" lasted.

"We are trading with Russia because we think it is good business to do so," he said.

Speeches made by Opposition Members, he said, amounted to a suggestion that Britain was already at war with Russia.

"That is not the view of Members of the Government. I think the arguments used are grossly unsound and extremely dangerous." — Reuter.

Millionaire Killed In Air Crash

Oklahoma City, November 1.
Separate air crashes involving two military planes and one civilian-operated aircraft claimed 19 lives in Oklahoma and Texas today.

Thirteen lives were lost when an Air Force C-47 transport crashed in a thunderstorm near Muldrow, scattering bodies and shattered parts over a wide area.

Officials of the Denver Production and Refining Company here announced that the bodies of the firm's millionaire President and three other persons had been found near the wreckage of their plane near Roaring Springs, Texas.

The plane had been missing since last Thursday.

Still another crash occurred near Temple, Oklahoma, sending two occupants of an Oklahoma National Guard B-28 to their death. — United Press.

CHINESE TRADE WITH INDIES

Batavia, November 2.

A trade commission from China has begun work here on a barter agreement for exchanging Chinese textiles for Indian rubber.

A nine-man commission, the first of its kind from China since the war, is expected to complete arrangements which were begun with the commercial councillor to the Netherlands Embassy in Nanking. — Associated Press.

THEIR FIRST WHITE BREAD

Johannesburg, November 1.
Thousands of South African children tasted white bread for the first time in their lives today.

White bread was sold for the first time today since the introduction of the standard brown loaf seven years ago. Lines formed outside bakers' shops early today. — Reuter.

COCOANUT OIL TO HK

Singapore, November 2.

Singapore exported just under 70 tons of coconut oil to Hong Kong in September, the Registrar of Statistics announced. — Associated Press.

POPE'S ATTACK ON TOTALITARISM

Castel Gandolfo, November 1.

The Church rejects state totalitarianism and superstitious worship of technology.

This declaration was made today by Pope Pius to a large gathering of workers from the Fiat motorcar plant.

Vatican City officials described the talk as "important."

The Pope obviously referred to Communism and Communist states but not once were they mentioned outright.

He said, "For a long time it has been affirmed that religion makes the worker weak and negligent in his daily life, that it is like opium, quelling him with a hope of life beyond. This is a manifest error."

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"TASMAN"	from Amoy	to Javaport & Macassar	21st December	22nd December
"TJIBADAK"	from Macassar & Javaport	to Javaport & Macassar	28th November	16th January

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

REMOVAL OF PRICE CONTROLS STOPS COMMERCE IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, November 2.

The wheels of commerce stopped turning in this financial hub of China as the Government abolished price ceilings with which it had hoped to bolster its new Gold Yuan.

Businesses which had been forced to stay open despite emptied shelves closed down yesterday to restock and recoup.

With the old official ceilings abolished, prices fluctuated wildly at levels anywhere from 300 to 500 per cent above those frozen on August 15. No one knew at what levels they would settle.

With military disasters piling up on economic chaos that had been shaping up since that date, no one in fact seemed to know anything about what was coming.

During the past two months people in Shanghai have been calling themselves guinea pigs of the Government's last economic reforms turned this well-stocked metropolis into what looked like a starving city. It still looked like it yesterday.

Working people, unblest with servants or the time to stand for hours in queues, have been without rice, cooking oil, coal and other necessities for weeks. This despite a comparatively good harvest and plenty of beef on the hoof.

Coal, which glutted the market two months ago, has vanished.

And the flour that is still going into what little bread is produced here has been as if it had been kept a long time in a dank cellar.

Why? The answer to that one, Shanghai's guinea pigs say, is simple—the Government enforced price ceilings were 10 inflation weeks old and producers couldn't produce and sellers couldn't sell under them.

Questions that are bothering the businessmen, clerk and colle in Shanghai and the rest of urban China is, "Why did the Government bring this situation about? Was it necessary? What good did it do?"

Confused Picture

The stock answer of the politically starry-eyed China is in the midst of a civil war that is raging the country.

The stock reply did economic confusion and scarcity in the cities, idling of factories and a gathering storm of labour unrest help in winning civil war?

To judge by the military developments of the past month it did not.

The Government's final surrender on the price issue has left the economic picture marred and confused. A ¥10,000,000 public utility deficit in Shanghai, the question of wages, salaries, the price of exchange, imports and exports are still obscured by the dust that has been raised.

And Shanghai's guinea pigs, looking through the dust at the political and military storm threatening to engulf China, wonder whether it will end in a new and bigger dust storm sweep down on them.—Associated Press.

Soong Welcomes Factory Moves

Canton, November 1.

Dr. T.V. Soong, the Governor of Kwangtung, is reported to have told a party of Chinese newsmen from Shanghai that he welcomes the Southward movement of industrial factories from Shanghai.

He is also quoted as saying that he would like to give them substantial assistance in seeking sites, etc.

Dr. Soong is also understood to have told the newsmen that the food position is receiving his close attention and that he will try his best to see that rice rationing does not stop.

Meanwhile, plans have been completed for the rationing of edible oil, sugar and salt to begin by November 1. The rationing of firewood is also expected to start soon.—Reuter.

PRICE CONTROL IN JAVA

Bagiva, November 2.

The Indonesian Republic has imposed ceiling price limits on essential foods such as rice, corn, meat and eggs, according to Antara, the Republican news agency.

A Government spokesman said that prices were sky-rocketing under the influence of inflation, the high cost of transportation and "psychological factors." Associated Press.

GOLD TRAFFIC

New York, November 1.

The Zurich correspondent of the New York Times reports that competent authorities in Europe have decided to prohibit the export of gold from the zone of Geneva and Basel.

He says that the decision is the result of deliberations last week by the Swiss National Bank and representatives of the great commercial banks in Switzerland.

The proposed Federal decree will be issued early this month, he states.—Reuter.

SHIP RELOADED

Paris, November 1.

The Panamanian steamer, Pan, of 5,500 tons, which ran aground near Cape Gris Nez, North Africa, during the week end, has been reloaded and sailed for Dover.—Reuter.

Decision On Banks' Appeal

London, November 1.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today ended its hearing of the application by the Commonwealth Government for leave to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Australian High Court, which has prevented the nationalisation of Australian banks.

Lord Wright, who presided, promised a decision "after a very short interval of time."—Reuter.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London, Silver, Spot fine ounce 45-1/2d; Forward fine ounce 45-1/2d; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 172/8.

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Money Market

Gold Yuan was steady yesterday on the Hong Kong market, opening at 45 cents and closing at 45 cents.

For Canton remittances it was 39 1/2 cents, and for Shanghai it was 33 1/2 cents.

Gold, after a weak opening at HK\$504 a tola, firmed up to \$507 7/8. It was a dollar-down at the close.

Thirty dollars were weaker. In the morning they were quoted at HK\$223 1/2, but they climbed back to \$224 1/2 in the afternoon.

Plasters opened at HK\$10.15 and closed at \$10.10 a 100.

Tidals were again unchanged at HK\$25.70 a 100.

NEI Gallers continued to improve. In the morning they were quoted at HK\$35.30 a 100, and in the afternoon \$35.70.

Sterling weakened to HK\$13.80, and Australian pounds went down a cent to HK\$12.52.—Reuter.

RANK WORKERS TO STAY OUT

Denham, November 1.

Seventeen hundred employees of the J. Arthur Rank Denham studios, whose strike is holding up the production of three films starring five of Britain's most popular artists, decided at a mass meeting today to stay out.

The men struck last Friday after 92 of their number had received redundancy notices. They are determined not to start work until the notices are withdrawn.—Reuter.

NY RUBBER

New York, November 2.

Crude rubber standard futures closed 30 to 34 lower with sales of 50 contracts; Nov. 20.31; December 20.55; March 20.31.

Crude rubber—Nov. 20.31; futures closed 50 to 60 lower with sales of 295 contracts.

March 20.55 bid; May 20.50 bid. Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets 21 nominal.—Associated Press.

GERMAN TRADE EXPANSION

Frankfurt, November 1.

A large part of Western Germany's foreign trade will be freed from detailed control by the Allied Joint Import Agency on January 1, 1949.

The changes will drastically simplify the procedure in order to assure the expansion of Germany's foreign trade.—Reuter.

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